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Inauguration marks beginning of sixth term for Gov. Anoatubby

Gov. Bill Anoatubby takes the oath of office during inauguration ceremonies October 1 in Ada. Alongside Gov. Anoatubby on is his wife, Janice.

ADA, Okla. – A crowd of more than 200 witnessed the inauguration of Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby Monday, Oct. 1 at the Chickasaw Community Center.

Chickasaw Nation Supreme Court Chief Justice Barbara Anne Smith administered the oath of office to Gov. Anoatubby, Lt. Gov. Jefferson Keel, tribal Supreme Court justice Mark Holmes Colbert, and tribal legislators Timothy Colbert, Mary Jo Green, Linda Briggs and Beth Alexander.

The inauguration of Gov. Anoatubby marks the beginning of his unprecedented sixth consecutive term of office.

"Our tribe has had a tremendous amount of success since our resurgence in the 1970s," said Gov. Anoatubby. "We, as a group, are thriving. We are building a nation together."

Incumbent Governor Bill Anoatubby and Lt. Governor Jefferson Keel were unopposed in their reelection bid.

This marked the first time a team running for the top elected positions in the Chickasaw government drew no opposition.

"I don't take that lightly," said Gov. Anoatubby, of the fact that he and Lt. Gov Keel drew no opposition.

He expressed appreciation to the Chickasaw people for the confidence and support they have shown his administration.

Gov. Anoatubby also said other elected officials were grateful for the suggestions and requests of Chickasaw citizens. He said the requests are helpful and demonstrate the fact that Chickasaws truly care for one another.

Looking to the future, Gov. Anoatubby said the tribe was working to improve communications with Chickasaw citizens and provide more personal service.

The Chickasaw Nation, he said, continues to work on building stronger relationships with state and local governments, educational institutions and other partners.

All the elected officials are incumbents who retained their offices in the July 31 tribal election.

"Our three separate branches of government have different responsibilities, but we are ulti-

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Unique Chickasaw exhibit set for November 3 opening

The Chickasaw Nation is proud to announce the opening of "They Know Who They Are" an art exhibit by world renowned Chickasaw artist Mike Larsen.

This exhibit, showcasing an outstanding collection of 24 oil paintings of Chickasaw elders, will be on display at the Oklahoma History Center, 2401 N. Laird Avenue in Oklahoma City. The exhibit will open to the public Saturday, November 3, 2007 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and run through January 31, 2008.

Mr. Larsen was commissioned by the Chickasaw Nation in 2004 to capture the Chickasaw elders on canvas. The first eight portraits completed were displayed in the Chickasaw

Mike Larsen

Capitol Building in Tishomingo from September, 2005 through August, 2007. The 16 remaining pieces will be unveiled for the first time when the exhibit opens.

Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby said the tribe commissioned the project be-

*See **Larsen,** page 26*

2008 Royalty crowned

Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby and Lt. Governor Jefferson Keel helped crown the newest members of Chickasaw Royalty at the annual Chickasaw Princess Pageant October 1. Chickasaw Princess Jaisen Monetathchi, Chickasaw Junior Princess Catie Newport and Little Miss Chickasaw Alexis Walker will serve as ambassadors for the tribe during their one-year reigns.

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AGENDA ITEM #1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairperson Scott Colbert called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM #2 ROLL CALL

Members present: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

Staff present: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary, Harold Stick, Sergeant-At-Arms, Robert Cheadle, Legislative Counsel

Guests present: James A. Humes. Wilma Watson, Michael T. Watson, Traile G. Glory, Michael L. Wingo, Jeff O'Dell, Dana Hudspeth, Summer Stick, Kerri McDonald, Tony Choate

AGENDA ITEM #3 INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Ms. Green.

AGENDA ITEM #4 READING OF MINUTES - July 20, 2007

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve the July 20, 2007 minutes.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

13 yes votes

The motion to approve the minutes of July 20, 2007 carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #5: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

AGENDA ITEM #6: REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

(A) LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Steve Woods

No report.

(B) FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Holly Easterling

General Resolution Number 24-056, Approval of Development Budget Amendment Ardmore Senior Center Remodel

This resolution approves the amendment to the Development Budget for the Ardmore Senior Center Remodel, Project Number 20-0052-05 in the amount of $604,659.00.

A motion was made by Ms. Easterling and seconded by Ms. Green to approve GR24-056.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

13 yes votes

The motion to approve GR24-056 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number GR 24-057, Authorization for Issuance of Bonds – CNHS Health Complex and Repeal and Rescission of GR24-010

This resolution authorizes the incurring of indebtedness in the principal amount of not to exceed $90,000,000 and the issuance of the Chickasaw Nation revenue bonds (CNHS Health Complex) (the "Bonds"); providing for the purpose for which the Bonds may be issued; authorizing the sale and delivery of Bonds; authorizing a Bond Indenture and other documents as may be necessary or required; authorizing the limited waiver of sovereign immunity of the Chickasaw Nation in connection with the Bonds; providing for the compliance with applicable federal law relating to the exclusion from gross income for federal taxation purposes of interest on the Bonds; containing other provision relating thereto. This resolution repeals and rescinds GR 24-010.

Ms. Easterling explained the original resolution was appropriate. She recommended that no action be taken on General Resolution 24-057, therefore, it failed for lack of a motion. Ms. Easterling concluded her report.

(C) HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Dean McManus

General Resolution Number 24-052, Authorization for Chickasaw Nation Health System to Apply for Indian Health Service Tribal Management Grant.

This resolution approves the application for a grant for approximately $100,000 per year for three years; with an estimated total funding of $300,000. There are no matching funds required. The project period is from January 1, 2008, through December 31, 2011. The Chickasaw Nation Health System will hire contractors to develop, test and install this system and provide training to Chickasaw Nation staff performing support activities. This initiative will include appropriate collaboration with the Chickasaw Nation Information Technology Department, Chickasaw Nation Division of Treasury and various departments of the Chickasaw Nation Health System.

A motion was made by Ms. McManus and seconded by Ms. Briggs to approve GR24-052.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

13 yes votes

The motion to approve GR24-052 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 24-053, Gubernatorial Appointment to the Board of Directors of RSE Enterprises, Inc., Mr. Brian Campbell

This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's reappointment of Mr. Brian Campbell to the board of directors of RSE Enterprises, Inc. Mr. Campbell will fill the first of three seats on the Board of Directors of the company which was purchased by the Chickasaw Nation on May 8, 2007. Mr. Campbell will fill an unexpired three-year term, beginning with the ratification of appointment, and ending on October 1, 2010.

A motion was made by Ms. Easterling and seconded by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR24-053.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

13 yes votes

The motion to approve GR24-053 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 24-054, Gubernatorial Appointment to the Board of Directors of RSE Enterprises, Inc., Mr. Tim Colbert

This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's reappointment of Mr. Tim Colbert to the Board of Directors of RSE Enterprises, Inc. Mr. Colbert will fill the second of three seats on the Board of Directors of the company which was purchased by the Chickasaw Nation on May 8, 2007. Mr. Colbert will fill an unexpired three-year term, beginning with the ratification of appointment, and ending on October 1, 2009.

A motion was made by Ms. McManus and seconded by Ms. Briggs to approve GR24-054.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods

11 yes votes

Members abstaining: Tim Colbert, Scott Colbert

2 abstentions

The motion to approve GR24-054 carried.

General Resolution Number 24-055, Gubernatorial Appointment to the Board of Directors of RSE Enterprises, Inc., Mr. John Elliott

This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's reappointment of Mr. John Elliott to the Board of Directors of RSE Enterprises, Inc. Mr. Elliott will fill the third of three seats on the Board of Directors of the company which was purchased by the Chickasaw Nation on May 8, 2007. Mr. Elliott will fill an unexpired three-year term, beginning with the ratification of appointment, and ending on October 1, 2008.

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Annual Meeting, Festival allow reflection on history

By BILL ANOATUBBY
Governor
Chickasaw Nation

What a tremendous time of year!

As this column is going to press, thousands of Chickasaws and their families from across the country are gathering at our historic capitol city of Tishomingo. Known as Good Spring in the 1850s, this special community marked the gathering place for many important events. In August 2006, we all celebrated the sesquicentennial of our historic Chickasaw Constitution here.

In 1856, it was a real challenge to travel to the capitol of the Chickasaw Nation. The roads were actually little more than paths worn through the grass, brush and trees. But people packed up entire extended families and came to Good Spring to debate and ratify a tribal constitution.

For each of us, our 47th Annual Meeting and 19th Chickasaw Festival provide the opportunity to celebrate our ancestors who gathered at Good Spring, and to enjoy the brotherhood and sisterhood of Chickasaw people. The events inspired by the Annual Meeting and Festival are designed to put us in touch with our Chickasaw heritage. They are meant also to give us reasons to consider the past. We are encouraged to consider the sacrifices made by our people who arrived so many years ago in the new Chickasaw Nation. They built new lives here – lives filled with challenge. And, together, they overcame those challenges, stayed the course, and preserved our great Chickasaw Nation.

It is not by happenstance that

Gov. Bill Anoatubby

the Chickasaw people and the Chickasaw Nation survived both overt and calculated attempts to dissolve our tribe and our government. Chickasaws knew, from generations of personal experience, that our tribe developed a government system so Chickasaws could organize communities and provide for the common defense. Our government was also a place to redress grievances and solve tribal problems.

Chickasaws and our form of government were going to survive because our system was well-established, and it worked well for the Chickasaw people. Removal was a new and wrenching experience, but it could not change our tribal history and organization, established by countless Chickasaws over the centuries.

During this year's Annual Meeting and Festival, we each represent those Chickasaws who have come before us – those who constructed the foundation on which our current tribal successes are built. Our tribe – as modern and dynamic as any of the 21st Century – comes from humble, sincere beginnings. We are able to achieve so much together now because of the bedrock values our ancestors refused to abandon. So much of what we have today can be directly attributed to the Chickasaw resolve of so many decades past.

Yes, our Chickasaw ancestors were stubborn! We are blessed today by their steadfast faith in their families, their communities, their government, and each other. They simply refused to ever give up those things that make us distinctly Chickasaw.

As you walk the grounds of our historic capitol in what was, not so long ago, the Chickasaw Nation community of Good Spring, now Tishomingo, take a moment to reflect on the fantastic history of the Chickasaw people. I know you will see the sacrifice, the resolve and the strength from the past in the eyes of today's Chickasaw people.

We gather officially once a year to remind ourselves of the true greatness of our tribe.

Chickasaw pilot leads daring rescue of flood victims

Oklahoma Highway Patrol helicopter pilot Joe Howard and his colleague Lt. Brian Sturgill responded to the Kingfisher/El Reno, Oklahoma area on Sunday, Aug. 19 to do an aerial check for people who may be stranded by a flood. The area was inundated by a tropical storm that swept through the area.

"It was basically an observation type mission," Howard said.

The two ended up saving the lives of an elderly couple Leroy and Bernice Krittenbrink, of Kingfisher, in a harrowing rescue which out live on national television.

The pilots found the couple clinging to a submerging vehicle. The helicoptor crew soon discovered it was the Krittenbrink's only hope for a rescue.

Howard, a Chickasaw, said the daring rescue was born out of necessity.

"We knew we were their last hope," he said.

The rescue unfolded after the Krittenbrink's pickup was carried off the roadway by a surge of water. The couple, who could not swim, had been in the water for about 90 minutes before rescue personnel arrived on the scene.

The vehicle was floating precariously toward the roaring Cimarron River when Howard and Sturgill encountered it.

"The water was just roaring through there," Howard said.

Howard was the co-pilot that day, essentially acting as Lt. Strugill's eyes during the rescue. Piloting the Bell OH 58 helicopter, with Kingfisher Fire Chief Randy Poindexter riding on the helicopter skid, the men flew to the scene to assess the situation and see what could be done.

Howard said the original plan was to lower a basket into the back of the pickup and, with the help of Poindexter, load the victims onto the helicopter. During the three minutes it took to stage the rescue, the pilots learned the truck was submerged and the basket rescue was not possible.

There were no other alternatives. A boat rescue was out of the question, due to the swift and debris filled waters.

"The water came up fast, two feet in less than four minutes," said Howard. "I told Brian we've got to go now."

The truck was completely under water when the helicopter returned to the scene, without the rescue baskets.

"We didn't know what we were going to do." Howard said. "We realized the basket was not going to work."

It was at that time the pilots agreed to attempt a rescue that is never practiced – picking up the victims to ride on the skids.

"It's very rare and it's kind of rescue you don't practice," Howard said.

The two pilots also had to agree to attempt the rescue, since pilots are taught not to endanger their partners.

"Brian asked me what I wanted to do and I said 'we are here, we're going to make this rescue," Howard said.

The patrol's helicopters, which are from Vietnam era, are not designed to carry that much weight on one side.

"You have to weigh all of those decisions, but we had to do something, it was either not do anything and watch them die or get them out of there," he said. "You could tell they were scared to death."

During the rescue, Howard yelled instructions to Sturgill, who couldn't see the couple, directing him to guide the helicopter a foot at a time.

"When you are put in that position, there is no room for error," Sturgill said.

He also communicated with the Krittenbrinks, motivating them and instructing them how to get their life jackets on correctly.

Kingfisher, Okla., Fire Chief Randy Poindexter reaches out to rescue Leroy Krittenbrink during a flash flood near Kingfisher last month. Pilot Joe Howard, a Chickasaw, and Lt. Brian Sturgill were hailed as national heroes for the rescue of Mr. and Mrs. Krittenbrink. (Photo courtesy the Daily Oklahoman)

"It was very stressful, but it worked out really well," Howard said.

In an effort to load Mrs. Krittenbrink onto the skids, Sturgill dipped the skids into the water, something that's rarely done with a helicopter. "It's the most dangerous thing you could do, but we had to do it, we didn't have a choice," Howard said.

During the rescue, Mrs. Krittenbrink clung to the skid for a few seconds, but lost her grip and fell back into the water.

The helicopter circled back for a second effort and this time Howard pulled her up onto the skid.

"I reached out and grabbed her

*See **Chickasaw pilot,** page 27*

New medical center to mark major tribal milestone

Mary Jo Green
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Hello and greetings from Legislator Mary Jo Green, Seat 5, Pontotoc District and Committee Chair of the Health Care Committee!

By the time you are reading this, our Festival will have passed into history. There were more activities than ever before and we were visited by many first time attendees. I was very blessed as my nephew and family and several other relatives came for the first time from out of state. They were very pleased to be able to be recognized as being Chickasaw and taking part in the festivities.

The Health Care Committee met with Health Administrator Bill Lance on September 10. Bill reported several items of interest and answered questions of the Legislators. He reported that the tentative date for groundbreaking for the new hospital is November 9 and construction will begin the following week.

We are very happy and anxious to see that day come. The new hospital will be a major milestone for the Chickasaw Nation!

Bill submitted the following statistics: for the month of August, 2007, there were 242 hospitalizations at Carl Albert Indian Health Facility. The number of outpatient visits at Carl Albert was 18,496. August Emergency Room visits were 1,145. August saw 294 surgeries and the Same-day Clinic saw 2,821 patients.

The Family Practice Clinic in Ada saw 2,095 patients in August. The Ardmore Clinic saw 2,711 patients and the Tishomingo Clinic saw 2,159. The Durant Clinic saw 2,288 patients and the Purcell Clinic saw 1,734 in August.

May you all enjoy the best of health possible and may God bless each of you readers and the Chickasaw Nation.

I would love to hear from you! Please contact me through my email address mary.green@chickasaw.net or through the address and telephone number listed elsewhere in this and every issue of the *Chickasaw Times* and on the Chickasaw Nation web site. My articles are also located on the web site.

Until next month, thank you.

Fall brings Festival time, lots of tribal activity

Linda Briggs
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Hello Everyone!

Fall must be here! Activity is rampant in the Chickasaw Nation as everyone prepares for the Annual Festival! It is a great time of being together, seeing new and old friends, appreciating with a fresh view so many of the wonderful and talented Chickasaws we have among us as they bring their wondrous art and crafts for all of us to enjoy.

I greatly look forward to the entire week and all that it brings for all of us to enjoy. Do everything you can to come. The last Saturday, with the parade and all the bands, all the activities at Pennington Park is truly an extravaganza.

We lost a revered and great Chickasaw lady this week – Geraldine Greenwood. She was an educator par excellence and shared her talents with everyone and every opportunity. She was a Chickasaw language speaker and played an important role in the rejuvenation of our native language. Her happy presence will be very much missed.

Recently I have had the privilege of visiting with another Chickasaw friend who is a lady of much talent. She composes and sings her own music and will soon be in the stores for all of us to enjoy. Her professional name is Tia Shaunte' and her music is so great. She writes beautiful ballads ad several other styles of music, including a soon to be released very amusing song that is an absolute guarantee to put a smile on every face.

Watch for music with her name – you will really enjoy! Blessings to Tia for the gift she shares with us and for the pride we may have in her talent because of our shared heritage!

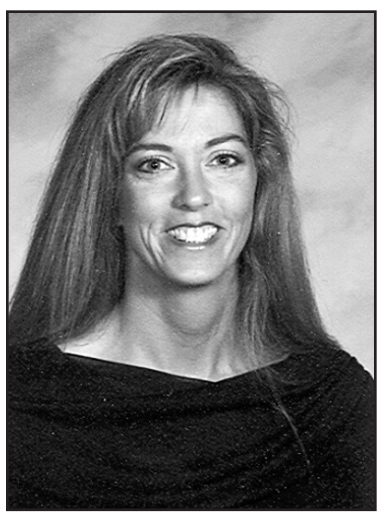
The Legislature enjoyed a really interesting presentation by the Chickasaw Foundation this past week at one of our meetings. The do a great job as they continue to grow and serve the needs of our Chickasaw students – of all ages. In addition to the many, many scholarships they now offer their summers are bumper-to-bumper busy with the camps they offer. Just a note – memorial gifts to the Foundation are a great help and a really meaningful way to honor someone.

A tentative date has been set for the groundbreaking for the new hospital – happy day! Long awaited, we will be so glad to see work begin. How great it will be for all Chickasaws!

We wish all of you could come to the Festival but will be happy for those of you who do get to be here. Travel safely and may all of you be blessed.

Linda Briggs

October marks beginning of tribal fiscal year



Beth Alexander
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Happy New Year! Well, actually happy new fiscal year. In the Chickasaw Nation the yearly budget runs from October to September. What does this mean to you, the citizens? Beginning in October all the Tribal Programs will begin to receive funding for the new year. I want to encourage you to contact the Tribe to apply for the programs that apply to you and your family. The quicker you submit your application the better your chances are of receiving the assistance you are seeking. Each of the Tribal Programs have different criteria so check the website or call the Nation @ (580) 436-2603.

Last month I wrote about CDIB and Citizenship Cards. I hope that information was able to help some of you. The most frustrating thing about this process is the wait but isn't it nice when it all comes together? You get to be a part of a federally recognized tribe, take advantage of tribal programs, and most importantly you have the opportunity to connect with distant family members that you didn't know existed and learn more about your ancestry! If you or any of your family members are needing assistance in obtaining your CDIB and Citizenship Card call the office direct at (580) 436-7250 or (580) 283-3409.

This past month was very active for Legislators. There were some weighty issues on the docket. I thank each and everyone of you who either called or emailed me. Hearing from you, the Chickasaw Citizens, was an encouragement to me. Having contact with you, allows me to do better work on your behalf! I appreciate your support and willingness to participate by sharing your opinions. Please encourage other Chickasaw Citizens to do the same.

Remember, it is not the action of one that makes us who we are, but the interaction of us all. Let me encourage you to get involved in your tribe. Join a Chickasaw Community Council or start one in your area. Call your Legislators for updates and let them know your opinions and don't forget to contact other tribal citizens to stay in touch.

"The People's Voice"

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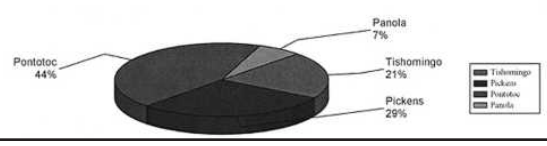
Count of Voters by District

Tishomingo	4,509	Panola	1,439
Pickens	6,328	Pontotoc	9,452
		Total	21,728



Lots of great health care information now on the web

Dr. Judy Goforth Parker
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

You are formally invited to visit with me on my newly created web page at www.goforthparker.com. I have added to this web page three blogs that I think you might find interesting. If you are like me, I have had to learn what a BLOG even is. For those of you who would like to know, a blog a way of journaling over the internet. It actually means "weblog" which is a "diary of sorts maintained on the internet by one or more regular contributors" (Blog, H. Hewitt, 2005, Nelson).

Hewitt says that since the first blogs in 1999, there are now more than four million blogs. So, we join the world of the bloggers.

Certainly, I want to get your input on future ideas for topics, but for today, you will find subjects related to the Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee, activities in the Legislature, and updates on my Sacred Root Fellowship with the National Library of Medicine. In time, you will probably know a little more about me that you do now. I have great plans for this web site.

Sacred Root blog will contain a web site to the National Library of Medicine as well as a link to the Chickasaw Health Information Center (CHIC) web site that has been created for our citizens both in and out of the Chickasaw Nation. I think you will find these links to be interesting and very informative.

They are actually a link to some of the best health care information that can be accessed by consumers outside of your own health care providers. This site will be helpful for questions from how to prevent diabetes to what to do for the common cold.

For the TLDC, I have included a brief history of the committee as well relevant web sites. I will try to keep you updated on this Chartered committee as we meet with other tribes in Indian country on topics related to diabetes and chronic disease. Your input will be of value to me as I attend meetings and let the other tribes know what we are thinking and doing in our fight against diabetes. I will include pictures.

For the Legislative topic, I would like to have a way to keep you updated to Legislative activities as well as get your input concerning what is going on in the Chickasaw Nation. As chair of the Land Committee, I can include updates on what is happening related to committee activities and pictures that might be of interest to you. I will include pictures of grand opening events, ground breakings, and other events that I attend

As the Editor of this site, I will update it regularly. I look forward to this new means of communicating with you. I look forward to hearing from you. Give me time to perfect this art. As with anything that you are learning, there is a learning curve that I am not sure of yet.

Anyway, have a great month as we slide into the holiday season. Keep a health outlook on life. You mean a great deal to me, and I am excited about our new way to communicate.

Judy Goforth Parker
Chickasaw Legislator
Pontotoc District, Seat 2

Modern education happens both in and out of classroom

Wanda Blackwood Tippit Scott
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

For this era in the Chickasaw Nation, I think no priority takes center stage more than education. From pre-schoolers through adults, the tribe offers a wide variety of programs, each designed to improve our citizens' educations and help all Chickasaws lead happy and fulfilling lives.

The tribe is committed to making quality education available to any citizen prepared to take on the challenge. When we think of education, we typically think of the classroom setting. This is the traditional vision, with chairs all in rows facing the instructor for an hour each day before moving on to the next class.

However, there are now many non-traditional education forms that can provide exciting and dynamic learning experiences.

For our secondary school students, breaking out of the "everyday" mold can lead to new realizations that develop a renewed zest for learning.

This past summer, a number of our Chickasaw students were involved in our educational camp program. Through this program, students experience education on a new and exciting level.

One of the camps that is developing our young Chickasaws' interest in business is the Entrepreneurship Camp. This year, the Entrepreneurship Camp hosted 19 Chickasaws for educational sessions, plus some real market experience.

Campers learn small business fundamentals and have the opportunity to explore the world of business first hand. As part of the camp, students develop marketing and sales plans for different products. After preparing their plans, the students then work to sell their products to customers utilizing their marketing and sales skills.

Small business is a huge category in our American economy, and one in which entrepreneurs can make excellent livings being their own bosses. The percentage of Indian small business people is small, but growing. We look forward to more of our students seeking out careers – and success – in their own small businesses.

When we talk about "education" in the Chickasaw Nation, we are really covering a lot of ground!

Visit Carl Albert gift shop today!

Visit the Carl Albert Hospital Volunteers gift shop. All proceeds are used to purchase items for the hospital that will benefit employees and patients.

The jewelry and crafts are made by Native Americans. Flutes, drums, Pendleton bags, blankets, beaded caps, Choctaw hymnals, CDs, and Bedre candy are a few of the items available.

Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Colbert hosting open house at Tish Clinic first Wednesdays

D. Scott Colbert
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature chairman and Tishomingo District legislator Scott Colbert hosts an open office for legislative business at the Tishomingo Clinic between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. the first Wednesday of every month.

Please make appointments at (580) 622-3218. You may also call on the first Wednesday of every month at (580) 421-3425.

Feel free to contact Colbert if you have any questions.

September 2007 Resolutions

General Resolution Number 24-058

Authorization for Acquisition of Property in Pontotoc County

Additional Acreage to the Proposed Hospital Site

Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property, located south of and adjacent to the new hospital site, Ada, OK 74820. This acquisition would add additional acreage to the proposed hospital site. This resolution also authorizes the Governor to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to accept or place the property U.S.A. in trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

Presented by: Land Development Committee, Judy Goforth Parker, Committee Chair

Yes Votes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

General Resolution Number 24-059

Authorization for Acquisition of Property in Pontotoc County

Expansion of the education/ Wellness Campus

Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property located north of the new Housing Administration site in Ada, OK. This acquisition would be for the expansion of Education/Wellness Center Campus. This resolution also authorizes the Governor to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to accept or place the property U.S.A. in trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

Presented by: Land Development Committee, Judy Goforth Parker, Committee Chair

Yes Votes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods

General Resolution Number 24-060

Authorization for Additional Funding of the Construction Loan Program

Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to transfer additional funds in the amount of $1,000,000 to the revolving account for home construction loans used in conjunction with the Chuka Chukmasi loan program. The funds are used as construction loans for Chickasaw citizens and tribal employees who have been approved for Chuka Chukmasi home loans. These construction loans are paid off by the Chuka Chukmasi mortgage loans once construction is completed. The demand for construction loans is very high and adding these funds will allow more citizens to be served through the Chuka Chukmasi program and to become homeowners. Construction loans through banking institutions normally have interest rates of 9-10%; the tribe's construction loans have an interest rate of only 5%, which is a significant savings to the citizens.

Presented by: Finance Committee, Holly Easterling, Committee Chair

Yes Votes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

General Resolution Number GR-061

Authorization for Issuance of Bonds – CNHS Health Complex and

Repeal and Rescission of GR24-010

Explanation: This resolution authorizes the incurring of indebtedness in the principal amount of not to exceed $90,000,000 and the issuance of the Chickasaw Nation Health System bonds (CNHS Health Complex) (the "Bonds"); the negotiation of specific terms by the Governor; providing for the purpose for which the Bonds may be issued; authorizing the sale and delivery of Bonds; authorizing a Bond Indenture and other documents as may be necessary or required; authorizing the limited waiver of sovereign immunity of the Chickasaw Nation in connection with the Bonds; providing for the compliance with applicable federal law relating to the exclusion from gross income for federal taxation purposes of interest on the Bonds; and containing other provisions relating thereto. This resolution repeals and rescinds GR 24-010 because the industry requirements have changed since the passage of GR 24-010.

Presented by: Finance Committee, Holly Easterling, Committee Chair

Yes Votes: Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

No Votes: Beth Alexander, Donna Hartman

Permanent Resolution Number 24-010

Amendments to Title 2, Chapter 4, Article B, Section 2-425 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Judicial Department Salaries)

Explanation: The Chickasaw Constitution, Article VII, Section 11, as amended by Amendment IV dated September 27, 1990, provides that the Tribal Legislature shall review salaries and allowances pertaining to the

*See **Resolutions,** page 25*

Committee Reports

Education Committee
September 10, 2007
Present: Wanda Blackwood Scott, Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, David Woerz, Linda Briggs
Absent: Scott Colbert

Ethics Ad Hoc Committee
September 10, 2007
Present: Linda Briggs, Holly Easterling, Judy Goforth Parker, David Woerz
Absent: Scott Colbert

Finance Committee
September 10, 2007
Present: Linda Briggs, Holly Easterling, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker
Absent: Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

September 17, 2007
Present: Linda Briggs, Holly Easterling, Judy Goforth Parker, Scott Colbert
Absent: Dean McManus, Steve Woods

Health Committee
September 10, 2007
Present: Mary Jo Green, Beth Alexander, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Linda Briggs
Absent: Tim Colbert, Donna Hartman, Scott Colbert

Land Development Committee
September 10, 2007
Present: Judy Goforth Parker, Beth Alexander, Mary Jo Green, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs
Absent: Scott Colbert

Legislative Committee
September 10, 2007
Present: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert
Absent: Tim Colbert, Donna Hartman

Tribal Historic & Cultural Preservation Committee
September 10, 2007
Present: Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott
Absent: Tim Colbert, Donna Hartman, Scott Colbert

2006-2007 Tribal Legislature

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Seat #

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Chickasaws enjoy Elders Day

Ola Mae Reddinger, Ardmore, and June Greenwood, Ada, take time out during the Second Elders Day in Goldsby to enjoy a time of fellowship.

Pauline Alexander, of the Ada Senior Site, joins together with others to lead the crowd in a few favorite Choctaw hymns during the Second Elders Day activities.

Ardmore Senior Site member T.J. John draws out portions of her favorite meal during a nutrition exercise conducted by the Get Fresh! Program.

The Chickasaw Nation Cultural Resources Department recently hosted Second Elders Day at the Goldsby Gaming Center. The seniors were treated to a catered dinner and presentations by the Get Fresh! Nutrition program and the School-to-Work landscaping program.

Alicson Scott, with the Get Fresh! Program, spoke with the seniors about food portion sizes and healthy choices that are specific to seniors' wellness.

Don Mose and Mike Dunn, from the School-to-Work landscaping program, shared updates and statistics on the success and growth of their department.

The seniors also had a time to share stories and memories and join together to sing a few Choctaw hymns. LaDonna Brown, tribal Division of Communications, served as emcee for the event.

For information on future Elders Day activities, contact the Cultural Resources Department at (580) 332-8685.

Contributed by Kerri McDonald, tribal media relations.

Tribe, city join to reduce 'white paper' refuse

The Chickasaw Nation has teamed up with the city of Ada to make the city a little greener.

Tribal office workers will soon start recycling "white paper." White paper includes white, colored and shredded paper, as well as junk mail and magazines. The paper will be picked up and recycled by the city of Ada and, ultimately, reduce the waste stream.

Ada's landfill has less than five years of life remaining, prompting city officials to take action.

"The City of Ada is increasing recycling efforts by implementing white-paper collection at businesses throughout the city, and has requested the Chickasaw Nation be the initial participant," said David Hendricks, City of Ada Public Works Director/ City Engineer.

The Tribal Environmental section received a grant from the United States Environmental Protection Agency to purchase $5,000 worth of recycling containers to be placed at tribal facilities.

The City of Ada will also supply poly carts at each facility and empty them as many times as needed during the work week.

The average office worker uses more than 10,000 sheets of copy paper each year. The white paper recycling program is expected to make a positive impact by increasing recycling efforts and awareness.

"White paper is a major element in the waste stream going to the landfill," Hendricks said.

The Chickasaw Nation environmental section has been an active member of the Ada Recycling Coalition for two years, and currently has a recycling trailer at its Ada headquarters. Since implementing a solid waste recycling program in February 2007, more than three tons of solid waste have been recycled.

"The help that the Chickasaw Nation has provided in the past is a great example of the type of close working relationship that the city desires to have with many agencies and businesses that exist in the Ada area," said Hendricks.

Contributed by Dana Hudspeth, tribal media relations.

School-to-Work program provides incentive to maximize achievement

A total of 66 students enrolled in the Chickasaw Nation School to Work program have hit the books and started a new school year.

School to Work program director Danny Wall said 29 students in Ada and 37 students in Ardmore headed back to class in August.

Fields of study vary from Art to Wildlife Conservation.

The program, entering its second year, requires a huge commitment from the students.

"Students attend class in the morning and work in the landscaping department the second half of the day," Wall said.

The program is designed to provide an opportunity for citizens to pursue technical school or a degree from a college or university. Students still maintain full-time employment, with benefits, in the Landscaping Department.

During their time outside the classroom and off work, students study, take care of families and tend to other household and civic responsibilities.

Career counselors Shawna Jackson, in Ada, and Dan Mose, in Ardmore, help the student/ employee with many issues, from completing enrollment paperwork, to preparing the student for entry into the workforce.

"Career counselors are the key component to the program," Wall said.

These professionals serve as a single point of contact for the students they help," Wall said. The "whole person" find resources to meet any needs including transportation, childcare and funding for college.

"There is no need that goes unmet," said Wall.

Jackson's and Mose's favorite saying is 'if there's a will, there's a way.'

"They bend over backward for us," one student said during last year's awards assembly.

When graduation draws near, job placement and resume building are areas of focus.

Two students graduated in 2007; one with a communications/theatre degree and the other with criminal justice degree. Another student recently obtained his plumbing journeyman's certification and has been hired by a local plumber.

"We consider the success of this program not just the department's success, but the whole tribe's," Wall said.

This semester, School to Work students in the Ada area are attending class at East Central University, Pontotoc Technology Center and Mid-America Technology Center.

Ardmore students are enrolled in varied locations, including Tishomingo's Murray State College, Southeastern Oklahoma State University in Durant, East Central University, Ada, Ardmore Higher Education Center and Southern Oklahoma Technology Center.

Areas of study include: nursing, education, art, pre-law, criminal justice, social work, and athletic trainer.

A total of five students attend GED classes, two in Ardmore and three in Ada.

The program's success requires many of the tribe's departments to work together for the good of the student.

"We get a lot of help from the Education department," Jackson said.

The program also requires staff members and students to work with community resources and higher education facilities.

School to Work also rewards and recognizes students for good grades.

As a reward for maintaining a 3.0-3.5 (B to B+) cumulative grade point average, students receive a laptop computer. Nine laptops were awarded at the conclusion of the past school year.

Program staff members said last June that several students were "really close" to receiving a laptop, and encouraged all students to continue the good work.

Interested applicants can apply through the Chickasaw Nation Human Resources office. When openings become available, applicants are contacted for an interview.

For more information about the program, contact Shawna Jackson at 580-421-7728.

Contributed by Dana Hudspeth, tribal media relations.

Campbell to be honored as Southeastern Distinguished Alumni

Brian Campbell

A Chickasaw Nation administrator is to be honored later this month as a distinguished alumnus of his alma mater.

Brian Campbell, administrator of the tribal Division of Commerce, will be honored on October 27 by Southeastern Oklahoma State University. Mr. Campbell is one of three Southeastern Distinguished Alumni to be recognized as part of Homecoming/Parents' Day 2007.

Mr. Campbell, a Chickasaw and a member of the Southeastern Class of 1989, was raised on a Bryan County, Oklahoma farm. He graduated from Bennington (OK) High School in 1983 and earned his bachelor's degree from Southeastern in 1983. He completed the requirements for majors in business administration, biology and education, plus a minor in German.

In 2005, Mr. Campbell received his master of business administration degree from Southeastern's John Massey School of Business.

Following his graduation from Southeastern, Mr. Campbell taught and coached basketball at Wapanucka (OK) High School.

In 1995, he joined the Chickasaw Nation as director of human resources. Since that time, he has held several titles with the tribe, including administrator of administrative services, administrator of education, tribal economic development director, and administrator of the Indian Development Block Grant program.

In 2003, Mr. Campbell was named administrator of the Chickasaw Nation Division of Commerce, the division responsible for all Chickasaw tribal businesses. As Commerce administrator, he has authority over the myriad of gaming, entertainment, hospitality, media, manufacturing and service businesses operated by the tribe.

Mr. Campbell is also chairman of the board of the tribe's health care companies.

Mr. Campbell lives in Ada. He serves on numerous boards and committees including Chickasaw Nation Industries, Inc. board of directors, Chickasaw Nation Tax Commission, Ada Water Resources Board, Chickasaw Tribal Utility Authority board, Oklahoma Water Quality Management Council, and the SOSU John Massey School of Business advisory board.

He is also a Chickasaw Nation 401(k) trustee.

'Courtney's cause'

Special gift brings essential supplies to Pine Ridge children

Courtney Parchcorn

"We were not even aware that this young lady would even have thoughts about kids 1,000 miles away, whom she never met." **Lisa Reinhold, Oglala Commemoration school supply drive coordinator.**

One local teenager is proof that one person's selfless act can make a difference in many young lives.

Courtney Parchcorn, of Ada, recently found herself with some extra spending money after she won "Best In Show" in the national Red Earth Youth Arts competition.

Along with the distinction of winning "Best In Show," for the second consecutive year, she was awarded $300 in prize money from Red Earth.

Her entry in the nation-wide Arts competition was a beaded walking cane, which she created for her grandfather, Franklin D. Allen.

Mr. Allen, a full-blood Chickasaw, died this year before Courtney completed the cane, and although it was emotionally taxing, she finished the cane and dedicated it to his memory.

When Courtney, who is also a Chickasaw citizen, received the check for her winnings, she was thinking of how the money could help others, not just herself.

Her parents, Buddy and Fran Parchcorn, have educated Courtney about the Oglala Sioux tribe and how different life is on the Pine Ridge Reservation.

So, without a second thought, she donated one-third of her winnings to a school supply drive for children living on the South Dakota reservation.

"It was an option to go to the mall," said the Byng High School senior, "but I heard that JOM was cutting back funding and I knew it would take away most of their money for supplies."

JOM (Johnson-O'Malley) is a federally-funded program that provides funds to supplement the regular school program. JOM programs are used for tutoring, academic support, cultural activities, summer education programs and after school activities.

Courtney said she knew that in Oklahoma, a cut in JOM funding would not have that much impact; children would still manage to have school supplies.

But, on the Pine Ridge Reservation, where the annual per capita income is less than $4,000, Courtney knew it would mean many children would have absolutely nothing to start the school year.

Her parents were stunned by their daughter's act of generosity.

"Buddy and I really couldn't do anything else but look at each other and match her $100," said Fran.

"We are very proud of her for doing this."

When the organization received the funds, the school supply drive was named in memory of Courtney's grandfather.

Courtney was proud she could honor her grandfather in this way.

She was awarded the prize money for creating the cane for her grandfather and now other children will benefit from the money, she said.

It is just one way she can help other Native Americans.

"The main thing," she said, "is they need an education, and it is so hard for them."

Courtney is also active in other Arts. She is a member of the Chickasaw Children's Choir and she enjoys composing music and drawing.

She realizes that some of the supplies she is helping to purchase, such as crayons, markers, pencils and paper, might help other young artists develop their talents, too.

"Courtney is a blessing," said Lisa Reinhold, who is coordinating the school supply drive.

"We were so proud of her winning the Art competition, we were not even aware that this young lady would even have thoughts about kids 1,000 miles away, whom she never met," Reinhold added.

The Parchcorn family has never taken the 15-hour drive from Ada to visit the reservation, which is located in the southwest corner of South Dakota on the Nebraska border, but has supported its people for many years,

Buddy, who has mastered the tedious art of beading, regularly donates his work to the Oglala Commemoration organization for its on-line auction. Courtney has previously donated beadwork to the annual auction, but this year she was unable to because of school, work and other commitments. The proceeds from the auction go toward a college scholarship for a graduating senior from the Pine Ridge Reservation.

"This young girl has grown into a very special young lady, who can see beyond her own backyard and has helped with the struggle of Pine Ridge. Without ever meeting any of these people she has reached out and given of herself and is a great inspiration to our Native Youth of all tribes," said Reinhold.

Fran is also very proud of her daughter's selfless actions. "She realizes how much better we as Native Americans have it here in Oklahoma, with life in general, than the children on the reservation."

The Pine Ridge Reservation is the eighth-largest reservation in the United States. Life in the Pine Ridge Reservation is very poor. Many families have no electricity, telephone, running water or sewer.

The school supplies are being collected for the 2008 school year. For more information about the drive, contact the Oglala Commemoration at: 314-602-9281 or via email at oglala_commemoration@yahoo.com. Donations may also be mailed to:

Oglala Commemoration
PMB 523
3023 Hwy K
O'Fallon , MO 63368

Reinhold hopes more supplies can be collected for more children on the reservation due to the early start. Supplies are typically delivered in June for the new school year.

"Courtney kicked of the 2008 School Supply drive with her donation in memory of her grandfather and I am sure he is looking down and smiling," said Reinhold.

Recently, Courtney received a photo of the school supplies purchased and a thank you card for her donation.

The Parchcorn's combined donation purchased 13 backpacks, 20 sets of notebook paper, 20 first grade writing tablets, four packages of construction paper, 13 sets of color pencils, 22 sets of markers, 10 paint sets, 16 rulers, 25 boxes of crayons, 20 packages of pencils, 200 pencil erasers, 10 pair of scissors, 16 packages of ink pens, 20 bottles of glue and 20 glue sticks. This means the selfless acts of one Chickasaw girl from Ada will touch dozens of Oglala children.

Contributed by Dana Hudspeth, tribal media relations.

Elliott recognized as one of '50 Making A Difference' in Oklahoma

Robyn Elliott

Robyn Elliott, administrator of the Chickasaw Nation Division of Communications was recently honored as an Oklahoma "Woman of the Year" finalist.

During award ceremonies September 20 in Oklahoma City, Ms. Elliott was recognized as one of the *Journal Record's* 2007 "50 Making A Difference." Honorees include Oklahoma women from diverse career fields including education, health care and government.

The Journal Record is a daily general business and legal newspaper serving Oklahoma City.

"Robyn is very deserving of this honor," said Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby. "She demonstrates her creativity, talents and leadership abilities every day as she leads the effort to inform Chickasaws and others about our tribe."

Ms. Elliott, a Chickasaw, began her career with the Chickasaw Nation in 2002 as director of Public Affairs. She was appointed administrator of the newly created Division of Communications in 2004.

As administrator of the Division of Communications, Ms. Elliott coordinates activities of several departments, including multimedia, media relations, special events, digital design and development and the *Chickasaw Times*.

While she maintains a hectic schedule, she places a emphasis on strong family relationships.

"My family has been the most important influence in my life," she said. "They have taught me faith in God, the importance of family, to respect others, to never compromise personal integrity, the value of hard work and most importantly, unconditional love."

Ms. Elliott earned her bachelor's degree in business administration from East Central University, where she was named Outstanding Marketing Student in 2001. She was also a Direct Marketing Institute National Award Recipient. She is currently working towards a master's degree in psychology.

She is a 2005 graduate of Leadership Oklahoma, and now volunteers on that oranization's program planning committee.

Her professional affiliations include membership in the Ada Lions Club, Public Relations Society of America and the East Central University Alumni Association.

She is also active in civic organizations, including the Arbuckle Country Marketing Association, Ada Jobs Foundation, Ada Arts Council, Youth Leadership Oklahoma and Creative Oklahoma.

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Tribal business net income establishes new fiscal year record

FINANCIAL REPORT

The tribal government caption includes the tribe's general fund and the tribe's BIA trust funds. The Chickasaw Businesses include all of the businesses and operations of the Chickasaw Enterprises. Not included in the financial statements are federally or state funded programs and/or grants and the financial statements of Bank 2 and Chickasaw Industries, Inc.

The growing needs of the businesses are taken into account when determining the transfers from the businesses to the general fund. It is vital to the long range mission of the Chickasaw Nation that the businesses continue to grow and diversify.

Revenues of the tribal operation, other than the transfer from businesses, include motor fuel settlement funds and investment income. Chickasaw Businesses revenues include gaming revenues net of prizes, sales revenue at convenience, travel plazas and tobacco stores, rent and investment income.

Tribal expenditures are classified by function. General government includes the maintenance and operations of tribal property, Chickasaw Times and governor's and lt. governor's offices. Expenditure for education includes education scholarship as well as the tribe's division of education. Health expenditures include senior citizens sites, eye glasses, hearing aids, prescription drugs, wellness center, community health clinics, catastrophic medical assistance and other similar programs not covered by federal programs or grants.

The businesses' expenditures are classified as to expenses associated with gaming operation of the tribe and the other businesses of the tribe.

Executive Summary of the Financial Statements of the period ending August 31, 2007

Tribal Government

Revenues and transfers from the businesses for operations and fixed assets totaled $82.9 million year-to-date. Expenditures for the month were $7.2 million and $48.1 year-to-date. There has been a total, beginning in fiscal year 2004, of $85.5 million transferred from the businesses that were reserved for capital projects.

Chickasaw Businesses

Revenue net of gaming prizes for August totaled $57 million and $605 million year-to-date. Net income before the transfers to the Tribal Government was $18 million for the month and $203 million year-to-date. After transfers to the Tribal Government for capital projects and tribal program operations the net income was $83 million year-to-date. The net income includes all revenue, including amounts reserved for business growth and expansion.

Statement of Net Assets

At August 31, 2007, the tribal government funds had $78 million in cash and investments. Of this amount, $11.6 million is in the BIA Trust funds. This total does not include any federal program funds.

The businesses had $141 million in cash and investments which is reserved for accounts payable and business operations.

As of August 31, 2007, tribe operations, excluding federal program funding, had assets totaling $748 million with $150 million in payables resulting in net assets of $598 million compared to $539 million at the end of the 2nd quarter of fiscal year 2007 or an increase of $59 million over the second quarter of the fiscal year.

Chickasaw Nation
Tribal Operations
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures
For the Eleven Months Ended August 31, 2007

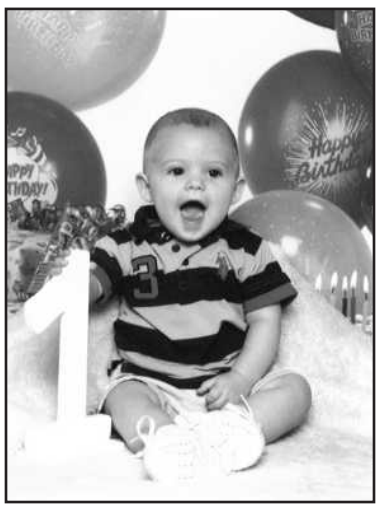
		Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Revenues	$	8,185,724	605,895,190	614,080,914
Transfers from businesses to tribal government		74,776,790	(74,776,790)	0
Total funds available		82,962,514	531,118,400	614,080,914
Expenditures				
General government		6,412,242		6,412,242
Legislature		1,327,556		1,327,556
Judiciary		651,400		651,400
Education		8,362,676		8,362,676
Heritage Preservation		2,816,174		2,816,174
Health		15,026,992		15,026,992
Youth and Family Services		4,576,825		4,576,825
Nutrition Programs		2,072,281		2,072,281
Regulatory		3,213,398		3,213,398
Assistance Programs		5,420,329		5,420,329
Transfer to Loan Program		-		-
Gaming expense			309,338,072	309,338,072
Other businesses' expense			138,400,449	138,400,449
Total expenditures		49,879,873	447,738,521	497,618,393
Increase in net assets		33,082,641	83,379,879	116,462,521
Beginning net assets		212,768,722	269,326,725	482,095,448
Ending net assets	$	245,851,364	352,706,604	598,557,968

Chickasaw Nation
Tribal Operations
Statement of Net Assets
August 31, 2007

		Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Cash and Investments	$	78,302,472	141,886,690	220,189,162
Receivables		837,410	25,539,356	26,376,766
Inventory			4,854,595	4,854,595
Prepaid expenses			10,368,470	10,368,470
Other Assets			21,403,916	21,403,916
Fixed assets		167,067,761	298,705,882	465,773,643
Less payables		(366,279)	(150,052,304)	(150,418,583)
Net Assets	$	245,841,364	352,706,604	598,547,968

Bryce Davis, son of Tommy Davis, Jr., and Ginger Davis of Houston, celebrated his first birthday Sept. 14, 2007 with his grandparents, Tommy and Carolyn Davis, and William and Clydette Entzminger of Belton, Texas.

He is the great-grandson of Charles and Betty Davis of Kingston, Okla., and the great-great-grandson of original enrollee the late Vivian Wallace and Earnest Wallace.



Bryce Davis

Lisa Martin

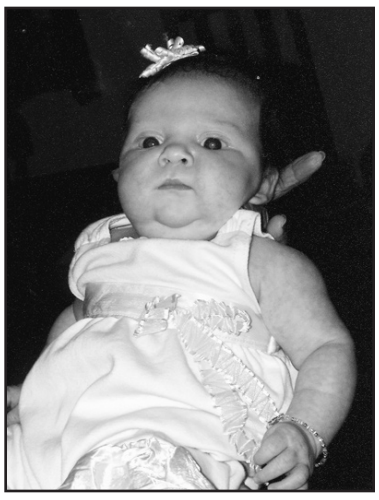
Lisa Martin celebrated her 26th birthday Sept. 18, 2007. Ms. Martin received her criminal justice degree in 2004 from the University of Central Oklahoma, Edmond, and is currently employed with the juvenile facility in Oklahoma City.

She is the granddaughter of the late Tommy and Lizzie Frazier.

We love you,

Mom, Kayla, Kyle, Kristie, Bobby, Matt, Millie, Kelsey and baby Matt.

Births



Brayleigh Stephens

Brandon and Misty Stephens of Ada, Okla., announce the birth of a daughter, **Brayleigh Dawn Stephens**. She was born at 6:18 a.m. August 22, 2007 at Carl Albert Indian Hospital. She weighed 7 pounds, 10.9 oz. and measured 18.7 inches at birth.

Grandparents are Gary and Susie Starns of Happyland, Okla., and Billy and Gayla Stephens, of Ada. Great-grandparents are Ruben and Carolyn Huffstutlar, of Allen, Okla., Dean and the late Bill Starns of Happyland, the late Bennie and Pauline Fisher, and Bill and the late Osie Stephens of Ada.

Great-great-grandmother is Opal Weller, of Tupelo, Okla.

David York

David Alan York was born Aug. 1, 2007 at Mercy Hospital, Oklahoma City. He weighed 6 lbs, 10 oz. and measured 19 1/2 inches at birth. David is the son of Joseph Alan and Christian Leah York.

He is the grandson of Darrell and MeShelle Quirk, of Pink, Okla., and Robert and Jerry (Leslie) Rice of Newalla, Okla., and Alan and Trudy York.

He is the great-grandson of Harvey and Mildred Leslie, of Newalla, and the great-great-grandson of original enrollee Nanny (Wade) Leslie.

The entire family welcomes David Alan York to our family.

Chickasaw student attends health professions program

Elizabeth Gentry

A Lindsay (OK) High School student is one of 51 teenagers nationwide to participate in the 2007 National Native American Youth Initiative (NNAYI) program.

Elizabeth Gentry, 17, a Chickasaw student at Lindsay High School, attended the nine-day program in Washington, D.C. this summer. The Association of American Indian Physicians (AAIP) sponsors the program to educate and encourage more Native American students into health professions.

"We expose the students to a variety of health careers," Lucinda Myers, NNAYI program director said. "The summer program allows them to visit national health organizations and academic institutions."

The students were taken on field trips that included tours of the National Institutes of Health, Office of Minority Health, and George Washington University School of Medicine.

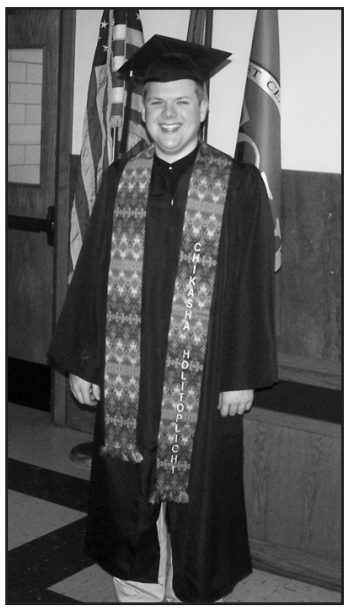
Students attended a series of lectures and interactive workshops that featured guest speakers who are physicians, researchers, and educators in the field of medicine.

"It's important for the students to hear from these health care professionals," Myers said. They're successful Native Americans who serve as role models and mentors. They inspire our students to continue their education and set high goals."

NNAYI was created in 1998 to increase the number of American Indian/Alaska Native students entering health professions and biomedical research. The curriculum is designed to prepare students for admission to college and professional schools. Students also receive information regarding financial aid, counseling, and other college-related assistance.

Elizabeth is the daughter of Chris and Leandra Gentry.

Chickasaw earns computer science degree



Rusty Pickens

Rusty Pickens recently graduated from East Central University with a bachelor's degree in computer science.

Mr. Pickens received several awards including Outstanding Computer Science junior 2006 and Outstanding Computer Science senior 2007.

His certifications include Cisco Certified Network Associate, Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer.

Maus named to SMU honor roll

A Chickasaw student at Southern Methodist University has recently been named to the college honor roll.

Jedidiah Maus, an SMU senior, was named to the undergraduate honor roll for the Spring 2007 semester.

To be listed on the honor roll, students must be in the top 15 per cent of their school of record.

Mr. Maus is the son of Michael Maus and Mary Chase Maus. He is the grandson of William and Idalue Chase, of Hurst, Texas.

His great-grandparents were original enrollees Willie (Johnson) Chase and Able Dustin Chase. Willie Chase was the daughter of J.W. Johnson and Emiley Lewis (Brown) Johnson.

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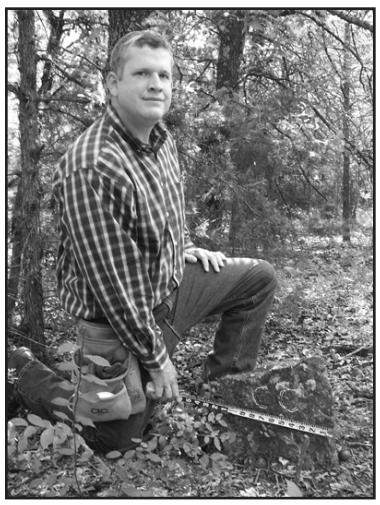
Tishomingo surveyor achieves federal certification for Indian Country surveys



Michael T. Reynolds

Michael T. (Toby) Reynolds, a Licensed Professional Land Surveyor, has recently been certified as a Certified Federal Surveyor (CFedS). This certification is part of a new program that has been developed to meet the need of quality surveys in Indian Country.

Over the years, demand for surveys for such things as water boundaries, acquisition of private land to tribal lands, etc., has increased. To address the need for quality land surveys on Indian trust land, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and the Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians (OST) developed a Certified Federal Surveyor (CFedS) training program to increase the knowledge of private land surveyors working in Indian Country.

To help meet the need of trust beneficiaries, CFedS graduates are now trained to provide quality survey products based upon federally accepted survey processes and procedures. The program is not meant to take the place of federal authority surveys as conducted through BLM's Cadastral Survey Program, but will help as the Federal government will not have to redo a survey if it is up to standards. CFedS graduates are directly available to the BIA and trust beneficiaries to address certain survey needs or, in certain instances, to be contracted with the BLM.

The training program was conducted over five months and consisted of courses dealing with History, Records & Administrative Systems, Boundary Law & Title Examination, Survey Evidence Analysis, Restoration of Lost Corners, Water Boundaries, Subdivision of Sections and Federal Boundary Standards & Business Practices. A rigorous examination was conducted prior to certification. Currently, there are less than 170 CFedS in the entire United States.

"This training and certification process has increased my knowledge and technical abilities," Reynolds said. "I love surveying and hope to be a benefit to my tribe and others."

Reynolds is licensed in Oklahoma and is pursuing licensure in Mississippi, Tennessee and Alabama.

"I enjoy the history of our people in those states. I hope to prepare myself to assist the tribe and individuals needing boundary surveys in those states."

Reynolds holds a bachelor degree in Cartography from East Central University.

He and his wife Holly live in Tishomingo. They have five children.

Chickasaw justice

Association of American Indian Physicians coordinator Robert Whitebird III thanks Chickasaw Chief Justice Barbara Smith for speaking about juvenile justice during the Native Youth in Distress Conference, conducted Sept. 14 in Oklahoma City. Participants also were educated on the dangers of methamphetmine and the importance of healthy youth during the conference.

Grand champion

Sulphur fifth grader Noah Eldred shows his Grand Champion goat at the Murray County (OK) Fair, conducted September 5-7. Noah, 10, is the son of Cheri Bellefeuille-Gordon.

Model Programs

Chickasaw Nation Youth Services Activities Coordinator Barry Needham explains the camps and recereation program to tribal leaders from around the state at the Improving Justice for Native Youth conference, conducted in Tulsa Sept. 17-18. Officials from the tribe's Division of Justice, which sponsored the conference, also presented a session entitled "Developing an Effective Juvenile Justice Program."

Customer Service Survey on the web

Chickasaw citizens who complete a new tribal customer service survey will have the opportunity to win $100.

Chickasaws can access the Customer Service Survey by going to the tribal website at www.chickasaw.net. The survey seeks input from citizens regarding tribal programs, services and customer service.

Once you have completed the survey, you can enter the $100 giveaway. The $100 will be given away each quarter. Winners will be announced in *the Chickasaw Times*.

OKC Metro Council plans Halloween events for October 27

Oklahoma City Metro Community Council officers are, front row from left, Linda O'Hagan, treasurer; Joanna Gardner, vice-chairman; Pam Conard, chairperson. Back row from left, Monty Bowlin, member-at-large; Charlotte Hulsey, secretary; Arthia Bridges, member-at-large.

The Oklahoma City Metro Chickasaw Community Council will have Dinner at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, October 2 and monthly meeting at 7 p.m. We would love to have your family's pashofa, fry bread or any favorite Chickasaw receipe.(Feel free to bring a sample!!) We also welcome your favorite side dish and desserts.

We plan on having forms for the Health Services Account, which is reimbursement for medical up to $100 for elders who live outside the nation's boundaries, along with forms for the Elderly Energy Assistance Program, which allows reimbursement of $200 twice a year, in the summer and the winter.

We will also have supplies on hand for basket weaving. Anyone interested can try their skills on a basic basket and once they see the technique we hope they will want to advance to more skilled basket weaving.

We will hear the last report from the bus trip committee, which includes Pat Bartmess, Pam Conard, Betty Kemp and Betty Smith. They have been busy making plans for the trip and will have last minute information before the departure date of October 8.

We intend to visit as many historical Chickasaw destinations near Tupelo, Mississippi as possible. A few of those are Cedarscape, Battle of Akia site and the Natchez Trace. We appreciate all the work that has gone into planning the trip, it is going to be a wonderful experience.

At our August meeting our council voted on new Board members. Pam Conard was elected chairman, Joanna Gardner was elected vice-chairman, Charlotte Hulsey was re-elected as secretary, Linda O'Hagan was elected as treasurer. Elected as a Members-at-Large were Monty Bowlin, Bill James and Arthia Bridges. We are very lucky to have such a great team to continue to reach those in the Metro Oklahoma City area to bring them information about our culture, enjoy the fellowship and learn of the benefits the Nation is offering those of us that are outside the nation's boundaries.

In September our council heard from Chickasaw scholar LaDonna Brown. She gave a wonderful talk with slide show about our culture, history and lots of personal details about the lives of our ancestors.

We would love to have metro members bring a framed photo of their Chickasaw ancestor to our Council. We are decorating our walls with these photos and you may be surprised to learn you are related to another council member!

Our annual Halloween Party is to be conducted at the Clarion Hotel across from Bank 2 at 9th and South Meridian, Saturday October 27, 2007, from 6 to 9 p.m. It will be catered by the hotel so no food can be brought in. Wear your best costume! We'll have lots of fun for adults and children!!

We are grateful to have Stormy Bryant managing our website. You can call Stormy at 405-755-6983 to announce events, include Indian related stories or post photos. Check out our website at

www.okc-chickasawcouncil.org <http://www.okc-chickasawcouncil.org/> .

Remember the OKCMCCC has moved to a new location on the sixth floor of Lakepointe Towers, 4005 Northwest Expressway in Oklahoma City, OK, 73116. We welcome everyone to attend our meetings and activities.

Contact information: Pam Conard (405) 973-8127

'Friends of the Keeper' chair to speak at Wichita Council

Placing the Chickasaw flag on display for those arriving for the September 9 picnic of the Wichita Chickasaw Community Council picnic are Laura Devaney, picnic coordinator, and Chuck Rivas, council secretary.

A crowd of 42 turned out for the picnic of the Wichita Chickasaw Community Council September 9 at the Horseshoe Pavilion at the Sedgwick County Park. Members and their families shared in the food and fun coordinated by Laura Devaney.

Door prizes were awarded during a drawing conducted by Lynn Stumblingbear, council chair.

Guest speaker for the October 21 meeting of the Wichita Council will be Sue Seal, a Kiowa and chair of the Friends of the Keeper, a service organization that supports Native American groups and activities in Wichita. It was inspired by the towering statue of the Keeper of the Plains, an Indian sculpture by Blackbear Bosun located at the confluence of the Arkansas and Little Arkansas rivers. The Keeper statue is a Wichita icon.

The October 21 meeting will be at the Indian United Methodist Church. Accompanying Sue Seal will be Alexandria Nixon, a princess of the Friends of the Keeper. Miss Nixon is also a Kiowa. Ms. Seal will give an overview of the activities to be conducted by the Friends of the Keeper in the coming months and will explain how to get involved.

Wichita Council members were also encouraged to participate in a two-mile race October 5 supporting Mental Illness Awareness Week and featuring Billy Mills, former Olympic distance champion and former Kansas University runner. The event was held at the Mid-America All-Indian Center. In May, Friends of the Keeper will host the powwow held each year in conjunction with Wichita's River Festival.

Rilee has 'Best of Show' entry

Rilee Duck

Sulphur (OK) Elementary School second grader Rilee Duck's poster created for the March of Dimes was recently named "Best of Show" in a poster contest.

The contest involved second - and - third graders in Sulphur creating posters portraying "no more sick babies." Rilee's art work will soon be displayed in the halls of Children's Hospital in Oklahoma City.

Rilee, a Chickasaw, is the daughter of Aaron and Sabrina Duck, and the grandaughter of Scott and Sherri Colbert and Tony and Denise Duck.

Other Chickasaw students placing in the contest include Keegen Trett, Easton Snow, Hunter Eaves, Destiny Rowell, Jacob Freeman, Katarina Reyes, Payton Szalaj, Kaitlyn Tingle, Zachery Kirby, Shelby Giles, Mattie Simmons, and Alexis Smith.

Contributed by Dana Hudspeth, tribal media relations.

Central Texas Council makes plans to develop library

Chairman Gene Thompson recently conducts a meeting of the Central Texas Chickasaw Community Council.

During our Council meeting, chairman Gene Thompson reported that we will develop a library as a Council Project. The items in the library will be available for members to check out.

We made plans for our next meeting which will be a potluck joint meeting with the Community Council of South Texas. Plans were made to become involved in the Mexican American Cultural Center in Austin as they include Native Americans in their cultural group.

Gene also provided applications for those who need to get family members registered.

After viewing a large display, provided by Jay Hurst, of Native American Indian artifacts including many made by Chickasaw artists and enjoying our social time, the meeting was adjourned.

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CHICKASAW COMMUNITY COUNCILS MONTHLY MEETINGS

~~~ Meetings are subject to change, please call the contact person to confirm ~~~

Ada Chickasaw Community Council
3rd Thursday at 6:30 pm
Marie Bailey Community Center
1800 Jack John Circle
Ada, OK
Pat Cox, Chair
580-272-0549

Connerville Area
Chickasaw Community Council
2nd Monday at 6:30 pm
No meeting in October.
Chickasaw Senior Citizen Site
Connerville, OK
Tony Poe, Chair
580-421-4994
tony.poe@chickasaw.net

Johnston County
Chickasaw Community Council
October 22nd at 6:30 pm
Chickasaw Community Building
1109 Ray Branum Road
Tishomingo, OK
Ann Fink, Chair
580-371-3351
flora.fink@chickasaw.net

Marshall County
Chickasaw Community Council
2nd Tuesday at 7:00 pm
Marshall County Chickasaw Community Center
1400 Enos Road
Kingston, OK
Sarah Lea, Chair
580-564-4570
lsar747@duracom.net

Northern Pontotoc
Chickasaw Community Council
2nd Thursday at 7:00 pm
Chickasaw Enterprises Training Center
400 NW 32nd Hwy. 37
Newcastle, OK
Tom Hogland, Chair
405-381-2268

OKC Metro
Chickasaw Community Council
1st Tuesday at 7:00 pm
Lakepointe Towers, Sixth Floor
4005 N.W. Expressway
Oklahoma City, OK
Pam Conard, Chair
405-973-8127
drprconard@cox.net

Purcell Chickasaw Community Council
4th Tuesday at 6:00 pm
Regional Office – 1603 S. Green Ave.
Purcell, OK
Keith Shackleford, Chair
405-527-5745
lowakchuffa@yahoo.com

COLORADO ~~~

Chickasaw Community Council
2nd Saturday at 11:30 am
Denver, CO
Call for location
Carol Berry
303-235-0282
Chickasaw303@yahoo.com

CALIFORNIA ~~~

Inland Empire/Desert Cities
Chickasaw Community Council
3rd Thursday at 6:30 pm
No meeting in October
San Gorgonio Hospital
Education Conference Room
600 N. Highland Springs
Banning, CA
Lynn M. Dorrough, Chair
909-213-7273
liknryn@hotmail.com

KANSAS ~~~

Chickasaw Community Council of Wichita, KS
3rd Sunday at 3:00 pm
Wichita Indian United Methodist Church
1111 N. Meridian
Wichita, KS
Lynn Stumblingbear, Chair
316-945-9219
lynnstumblingbear@hotmail.com
Pam Harjo, Vice-Chair
316-393-0696

TEXAS ~~~

Chickasaw Community Council of South Texas
San Antonio, TX Area
Next meeting October 14th
Texas State University Campus
Michele Moody, Chair
210-492-2288
mmoody@docuguides.com

Chickasaw Community Council of Central Texas
Austin, Texas Area
Next meeting October 14th
Texas State University Campus
Gene Thompson, Chair
512-258-7919
genevivianthompson@hotmail.com

North Texas Chickasaw Community Council
Dallas/Fort Worth Area, TX
3rd Saturday at 3:00 pm
Bedford Plaza Hotel
3005 W. Airport Freeway
Bedford, Texas
John C. Atkins, Chair
972-271-0692
Injunjon2@verizon.net

Watkins named director of Office of Management and Budget

Mendy Watkins

Mendy Morgan Watkins was recently named Director of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

Mrs. Watkins has worked for The Chickasaw Nation for over eight years, most recently as director of Finance for the Chickasaw Nation Health System. She has also worked as the Accounts Payable Manager at Headquarters Finance.

In her new position, Mrs. Watkins will focus on grant writing, budgeting and compliance for the Tribe. She will also administer employee procurement cards.

She earned a Bachelor of Business Administration-Accounting degree from the University of Oklahoma, and is a member of the OU Alumni Society, OU American Indian Alumni Society and the International Accounts Payable Professionals.

She is 3/8 Chickasaw/Choctaw.

Mrs. Watkins is the daughter of Doyle and Marilyn Morgan. She and her husband, Chris, have two children, Cayman and Kai. In her spare time, she coaches her daughter's basketball team and enjoys watching OU football.

Contributed by Dana Hudspeth, tribal media relations.

Senior active at PHS; accepted to OU

Loren Felts

The family of Chickasaw student Loren Felts congratulates Loren on her acceptance to the University of Oklahoma beginning Fall 2008. She is contemplating studying radiology or psychology.

Loren is an honor student at Plainview (OK) High School. She has taken college classes at the Ardmore Higher Education Center through Murray State College. She has been listed on the Governor's Honor Roll and in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*.

Loren was a four-year letterman on the Plainview track team, and a member of the 2007 state track team.

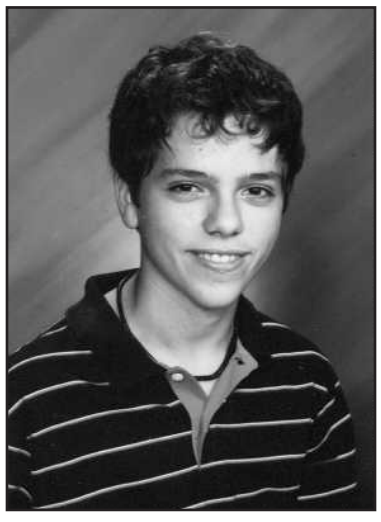
Loren is proud of her Chickasaw heritage. She has participated in the Summer Youth employment program and the Johnson-O'Malley Indian Education program. She has served as a March of Dimes and Relay for Life volunteer. She serves in the mentor class at Plainview High School, where she works with elementary students.

Loren has also been involved in Beta Club, cheerleading, vocal music and student council.

Loren is the daughter of Tania Felts, and the granddaughter of Rebecca Thompson, both of Ardmore, Okla. She is the great-granddaughter of the late Thanet (Colbert-Jopling) Thompson, an original enrollee.

We are very proud of your accomplishments and we wish you the best of luck! We love you very much! Go OU!

Chickasaw eighth-grader's essay on Herrington nets college scholarship



Andrew Bullard

A Chickasaw eighth-grader was recently awarded a college scholarship by a unique youth foundation.

Andrew Bullard, of Grand Prairie, Texas, received the $2,500 scholarship from the Bobby Bragan Youth Foundation. The foundation was started in 1991 by former Major League Baseball player and manager Bobby Bragan. The foundation scholarships are designed to reward outstanding students for their achievements and inspire them to go on to college.

This year's scholarship recipients were selected based on their academic records, community service and their essay submission.

Andrew wrote his essay on Chickasaw astronaut John Herrington. Andrew wrote that he considered Capt. Herrington a hero, and that he admired him for his NASA achievements and for what he gives back to his Chickasaw community.

Andrew met Capt. Herrington at the Chickasaw Festival when Andrew was only five years old. Andrew has considered him an inspiration ever since that day.

Andrew is the son of Anna Lee Bullard, of Grand Prairie. He is the grandson of Clarence and Mary Ann Lee, of Edmond, Okla.

Chickasaw trombonist selected for Pride of Oklahoma marching band

Jason Downing

A Chickasaw college student is participating in his university band for the second straight year.

Jason Downing, a sophomore at the University of Oklahoma, has been selected a member of the 2007 Pride of Oklahoma marching band. Jason plays in the trombone section.

The Pride of Oklahoma consists of 300 OU students. The band performs at all home and away OU football games, as well as various functions and events. The band has been supporting the Sooners for over 100 years, and has been selected to perform in the annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York.

Jason is a 2006 graduate of Ada (OK) High School. He has performed and toured with the First Baptist Church of Ada Winds of Praise orchestra.

Jason is the son of Jim and Karen Folger, of Ada, and Darrell and Kim Downing, of Noble, Okla.

He is the grandson of Betty Jo (Byrd) Weaver and the great-grandson of original enrollee Ida Mary (Walker) Byrd.

Affordable Housing

Chickasaw Nation Division of Housing & Tribal Development

The Chickasaw Nation Division of Housing & Tribal Development has available housing in the following areas.

Ardmore (age 55+) and Marietta

The **Ardmore High-rise** (age 55+) apartments include central heat & air, range, and refrigerator in each apartment. A convenient laundry room is available on every floor. An on site manager, maintenance person and security at night are provided. All utilities are paid.

The **Marietta** apartments offer central heat, washer/dryer hookups, range and refrigerator. Water is paid.

Monthly rent is income based for all apartments. Security deposits range from $50 to $100.

For applications and additional information contact Ardmore High Rise Office at 580-226-4590 or Ardmore Office at 580-226-2095.

Davis, Byng, and Marie Bailey (Marie Bailey in Ada, Okla., for ages 55+)

Central heat & air, carpeting, range, refrigerator, and washer/dryer hookups are offered. The Marie Bailey apartments provide all the above including washer and dryer.

Monthly rent is income based. Security deposits range from $50 to $160.

Water is paid at Davis and Byng.

For applications and additional information contact the Ada Office at 580-421-8800.

Charles Blackwell honored with Lifetime Achievement award

Charles Blackwell

The Chickasaw Nation ambassador to the United States was recently honored in Washington for his work in minority business development.

Charles W. Blackwell received the U.S. Department of Commerce National Director's Legacy Award for Lifetime Achievement in Minority Business Development. Mr. Blackwell was honored during ceremonies September 14 at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel in Washington.

Along with his nine fellow recipients, Mr. Blackwell was honored by President Bush during a September 13 White House reception.

Mr. Blackwell was introduced by his son, Geoffrey Blackwell.

"My dad is an educator, warrior and diplomat all rolled up into one, the younger Mr. Blackwell said.

"Although he was trained in the law, he ended up in construction, so to speak, as he has become a bridge builder. He has spent his life and devotes his career to building bridges between Indians and non-Indians, between elected officials and American Indian tribal governments, between the private sector and tribal business…His first priority has always been his commitment to his own Chickasaw people first."

Mr. Blackwell has served as Chickasaw Nation ambassador to the United States since his appointment in 1989.

In his acceptance speech, Mr. Blackwell said, "After sixty-five years and feeling like I'm only about half-way done, I can tell you what I hope the next sixty-five years brings…an America that embraces its native roots; an America whose face reflects the richness of its racial diversity, both native and immigrant; and an America whose babies are safe, well-fed, unconditionally loved, and who have unlimited opportunities to fulfill their dreams."

He was born and raised in Oklahoma, attended public schools, and earned his teaching degree from East Central State College, Ada, Okla. In 1972, he earned his law degree from the University of New Mexico School of Law.

Mr. Blackwell's parents are the late Hubert and Kitty Blackwell. His maternal grandparents are the late Charles and Vivian McGilberry, and his great-grandmother is the late Mamie Cravatt Hughes.

Receives diploma for medical transcription

Norma Douglas-Barnes

Norma Douglas-Barnes recently received her medical transcription diploma from At Home Professions.

Mrs. Barnes thanks the Chickasaw Nation for all its support, and her husband, David, for his love, support and encouragement throughout the past year. Thanks also to Ashley and Dave.

Mrs. Douglas-Barnes is the daughter of Miles and Alma Douglas, of Milo, Okla.

Chickasaw sixth-grader engaged in program for students aspiring to health science careers

Ashley Hanson

A Chickasaw sixth-grader this summer completed a six-week program for students aspiring to health science careers.

Ashley Hanson completed the program at the University of Oklahoma.

The Oklahoma Health Sciences Center Future Health Scientists Partnership Program included 50 students from the Oklahoma City, Putnam City and Millwood school districts. Each of the students was selected based on submitted essays.

The program focused on academic enrichment and science career information. Also included were events to help prepare students in pursuit of health sciences careers.

Each summer, the students will return for the six-week program and will continue the process through high school graduation. Students also meet throughout the school year.

Ashley attends the sixth grade at Putnam City Kenneth Cooper Middle School.

She is the daughter of David and Norma (Douglas) Barnes, and the granddaughter of Miles and Alma Douglas, of Milo, Okla.

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Houston powwow set for November 17

All Chickasaws and other Indian people living in and around the Houston area are invited to the Houston Methodist Powwow and Native American Arts and Crafts Sale.

This event is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 17 at the Quillian Sports Complex – Westchase in Houston, Texas. The complex is located near Beltway 8 and Westpark.

The powwow schedule begins at noon Saturday with the gourd dance, followed at 1 p.m. by the Grand Entry.

At 3 p.m., there will be a special dance for special needs children, youth and adults.

At 6 p.m. is the gourd dance and live auction, followed by the Grand Entry at 7 p.m.

Admission is free and spectators are welcome.

The Native American Arts and Crafts Sale will begin at noon Saturday and run through the close of the powwow. Attendees can experience demonstrations, storytelling, dancing, powwow etiquette and other educational activities.

Storyteller Ray Buckley (Lakota/Tlingit/Scot) of Alaska will be featured. There will also be a freestyle two-step sponsored b y the Roland Castillo family.

On Sunday, Nov. 18 at 6 p.m., there will be a worship service followed by a pot luck dinner. Ray Buckley will preach and The Master's Touch, a Choctaw gospel trio, will sing.

Go to Shepherd Drive Fellowship by going south on Durham, turn left on Blossom, then cross Shepherd into the parking lot.

For more information, please contact Glenna Brayton at (713) 557-8756 or Tonya Steele-Wade at (832) 661-9287.

The website is www.houstonmethodistpowwow.org

Museum seeks Indian artists-in-residence

The Eiteljorg Museum of American Indians and Western Art is seeking artists for the museum's 30-Day Ford Artist-in-Residence program.

Artists-in-Residence will work at the museum in April, May or July 2008. Studio space will be provided for artists and each artist will spend up to 30 hours weekly involved in the museum and community activities.

Artists will work with the Herron School of Art and Design as an instructor and presenter.

Artists must be at least 21 years old, have 10 years of art experience and be able to provide proof of tribal citizenship.

Artists will submit a current biography or resume and briefly describe projects they have completed in the past five years. Artists should also write a proposal for a project in which they intend to introduce the museum's audiences to their culture and art.

The deadline for application is October 31, 2007.

The Eiteljorg Museum of American Indians and Western Art collects and preserves Western art and Native American art and cultural objects of the highest quality. The museum serves the public through engaging exhibitions, educational programs, cultural exchanges and special events.

The Eiteljorg Museum is located in Indianapolis.

For more information, please contact Peter Brown at (317) 275-1337 or pbrown@eiteljorg.com

You may also contact Joelle Cooper at (317) 275-1319 or jcooper@eiteljorg.com

Greeting the people

Lt. Governor Keel and Pickens District legislator Linda Briggs greet people after the inauguration, Oct. 1, 2007.

Family photos

The photo above is of Victor Nedd Looney, a Chickasaw pilot. The photo was taken in 1941 at Randolph Field, Texas. The image was utilized in a recruiting poster designed to attract Indian young men into the U.S. Army Air Corps prior to World War II. Included on the poster were the words "Member Chickasaw Indian Tribe & a graduate of Centenary College of Louisiana 1940." Mr. Looney was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Air Corps in August, 1941. (Submitted by Lucinda Looney Seymour)

This photo is of Chickasaw mother Susie Nedd Magee Aldrich and daughter Eula A. Looney. The photo was taken in 1895 or 1896. (Submitted by Lucinda Looney Seymour)

Pride in Homeownership Yard Contest August 2007 winners

The Homeowners Pride in Homeownership Yard Contest is sponsored by the Division of Housing and is open to all families who are current participants in the Homeowners program by calling (580) 421-8800. The contest will run from May through August.

Two homes from each legislative district were chosen to receive the Legislative Award. The Legislative Award entitles the homeowner to a certificte and a free month's rent.

The Lt. Governor's Award is then selected from the Legislative Award winners. The Lt. Governor's Award is a $50 Wal Mart gift card. The Lt. Governor's Award winner for August 2007 is Cornelia McGee.

The four Lt. Governor's winners will be eligible for the Governor's award of a $250 Wal Mart gift card.

Craig Parnacher – Pontotoc District

Christopher Alford - Pontotoc District

Darren Patton - Pickens District

Cornelia McGee - Pickens District

Tandra Kiddie - Panola & Tishomingo District

Gina St. John – Panola & Tishomingo District

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When Columbus discovered the new world,
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They were builders of great civilization;
They built temples, and pyramids, and mounds;
They were dwellers in cliffs, and in woodlands;
On the islands and plains they were found.

Balboa did not find the Pacific;
The natives had seen it before!
When Desot saw the Father of Waters,
There were red men who danced on the shore.

Their warriors were known for their bravery,
Their weavers were known for their skill,
Their maidens were known for their beauty.
Their descendents survive us still.

Sequoyah invented an alphabet,
Sacagawea guided Lewis and Clark.
Squanto saved the Pilgrims from starving,
The worlds greatest athlete? Jim Thorpe!

Coronado explored the Grand Canyon,
Where the adobe pueblos still stand;
Ere the Russians came to Alaska
The Eskimos lived in the land.

The French came for furs and for trading,
The Spanish for gold and for God,
The English for homes and for liberty,
The rest came as best that they could.

They came as conquerors and masters;
They came with their cannons and guns;
They fought against spears, bows and arrows,
And history tells us who won.

So, we live with the verdict of power,
Might is right! The majority wins.
We are all just a part of the mixture
Of immigrants, ex-slaves, and re men.

We are proud of our country and citizens;
And inclusive of each, great and small
Three cheers for the original inhabitants,
First and foremost Americans of all.
Written by: W.C. Parkey

Upward Bound students complete tour of homelands area

The Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound and Upward Bound Math/Science students completed their summer academic program by attending week long out-of-state trips during July and August.

The sophomore students traveled to Dallas, Texas July 10 – 14. Their itinerary included visits to Medieval Times Restaurant dinner and show, Six Flags Over Texas, Dallas Holocaust Museum, Sixth Floor Book Depository Museum, Taste of Dallas, Dallas World Aquarium and Zoological Gardens and shopping at the Grapevine Mills Mall.

The junior and senior students traveled to Arkansas, Tennessee, Mississippi and Alabama for a tour of the Chickasaw Homelands July 23 – 27. Their itinerary included visits to Wild River Country Water Park, Chucalissa Museum and mounds, Moundville Archaeological Park, shopping on Beale Street in Memphis, Elvis' Graceland Tour and a Memphis Redbirds baseball game.

The bridge students, who completed their first summer semester at Murray State College, traveled to Missouri with stops in Springfield, Branson and St. Louis August 6 – 11. Their itinerary included visits to Fantastic Caverns, Whitewater, the Titanic Museum, Dolly Parton's Dixie Stampede dinner and show, a Missouri State University college tour, Missouri Botanical Gardens Whitaker Music Festival, the Gateway Arch, a riverboat cruise, Museum of Westward Expansion, shopping at Union Station, International Bowling Museum and Cardinals Hall of Fame, a St. Louis Cardinals baseball game at Busch Stadium, Six Flags St. Louis, America's Incredible Pizza Company and Bass Pro Shop and Outdoor World Museum.

Each trip gave the students a different dining experience and a of taste of various cuisine. The bridge students enjoyed a picnic during the music festival concert and box lunches aboard a one-hour cruise on the Mississippi River. All students experienced educational, cultural and fun activities.

For more information on the Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound programs, please call (580)-371-9903.

Junior/Senior students who attend the Graceland Tour - Memphis included Tara Lofton, Cody Austin, Chelsie Courtney, Thomas Ryals, Danielle Smith Jacob Standridge, Sonya Brannon, Joshua Hammond, Gabrielle Christian, Rique Martinez, Christi Coughenour, Jacob Rankin, Kara Price, Taylor Britt, Amber Gaede, Lee Griffith, Patience Granlund, James McLaughlin, Kayla Ritter, Justin Dillard, Heather Stinnett, Billy Limpy, Stephanie Benner, Rebecca Moore, Emalee Munn, Jenifer Pedigo, Jessica Suttles, Ashley Talbott, Jalesa Harrison, Alicia McFeeters, Heather Pugh, Kathryn Robertson, Shantel Taylor, Kylea Daniel, Tosha Deal, Nikki Nelson and Heather Turner. Staff: Steve Cheadle, Steve Kile, Susan Webb, Becky Easterling, Lynne Chatfield, Ladonna Brown. Bus drivers: Jimmy and Matt.

Bridge students who attended the Dolly Parton's Dixie Stampede-Branson, Missouri trip included Amanda Brantley, Sirena Adams, Curtis Harpole, Angela Moore, Amanda Riley, Jessica Carter, Camelia Hamil, Jacob Hubbard, Starlet Etheridge, Sharla DeWitt, Jessica Fels, Chase Martin, Denver Winchester and John Cobble. Staff: Steve Cheadle, Steve Kile, Rici Love, Susan Webb, Becky Easterling. Bus driver: Matt Wolf.

Sophomore students who attended the Medieval Times Restaurant-Dallas trip included Tiffany Foster, Jazmine Rossi, Amber Wright, Cierra Gray, Elizabeth Berger, Melinda Tuley, Morgana McDonald, Shianne Smith-Veach, Lindsay Clark, Chelcee Valdez, Meranda Trett, Ashley Winchester, Precious Hamilton, Katie Treadwell, Nikki Condit, Christina Etheridge, Kayla Wylie, Stephanie Taylor, Cheyenne Richards, Sarah Moore, Coby Chandler, Cody Cross, Isaac Gregg, Frank Johnson, Danny Moore and Justin Woolly. Staff: Steve Cheadle, Johnna Walker, Susan Webb, Steve Kile, Becky Easterling, Rici Love and Traci Griffith.

Foundation lands adult learning grant

The Chickasaw Foundation received a $15,000 Dollar General Literacy Foundation grant to provide funding for The Chickasaw Nation's adult learning program to purchase Read On!, a research-based reading intervention software system designed to diagnose reading deficiencies and prescribe instruction for adults who are reading below the ninth grade level.

On Friday, September 7, the Chickasaw Nation Adult Learning Program (ALP) met with Ann Beeson and Michael McEntee of Steck Vaughn. Attending the training session were Lynne Chatfield, ALP Manager, and Shirley Machin, Beth Alcorn-Benton and Michelle Cooke, adult education specialists. Tracie Carter represented the Chickasaw Foundation at the training session.

Although education specialists employed in the ALP are state certified teachers, they are not required to be reading specialists. With this in mind, the ALP was successful in receiving a literacy grant through the Dollar General Literacy Foundation.

The Read On software is a fully-automated reading system. It starts the adult learner at the appropriate individual reading level based on automated individual screening and placement testing. It is capable of taking a reader from 1.0 grade equivalency through 10.5 grade equivalency. It is very similar to automated reading programs used in elementary schools, with the difference being Read On contains adult-centered reading passages and vocabulary, not the typical elementary passages of "Jane ran up the hill."

The ALP is very excited about this new reading resource available for Adult Basic Education (ABE) students as well as their teachers.

Students reading below 7th grade reading levels will work through an ABE curriculum consisting of Read On to increase reading levels and other resources to increase basic math skills. When the student reaches 7th grade reading levels, pre-GED learning resources will be incorporated in their daily teacher-instructed class time along with continued work through Read On. When the student reaches a 9th grade reading level, the student will be promoted to the Fast Track curriculum to continue their GED preparation and testing.

Foundation seeks artwork

The Chickasaw Foundation is a 501 (c) 3 nonprofit organization. The Foundation is currently accepting donations of Native American artwork for the art auction to be conducted during the Friends of the Foundation reception in November. This reception is an annual event that recognizes our donors and volunteers. Last year,over 25 pieces of artwork were donated.

Your tax-deductible donation will benefit the Foundation and its scholarship program. Last year the Foundation was able to establish the Chickasaw Foundation Fine Arts Scholarship for any college student with a CDIB majoring in fine arts (arts, music, dramatics and dance). If you are interested in making a donation, please contact the Chickasaw Foundation at (580) 421-9030.

The mission of the Chickasaw Foundation is to promote the general welfare and culture of the Chickasaw people by supporting educational, health, historical and community activities and programs.

MOCCASIN TRAIL IN YOUR CORNER

By Anona McCullar

Enjoy the foods you love

Take your favorite recipes and try making them with low fat ingredients. The advancements in technology have really made improvements to the taste of "low fat" food items. Many people cannot tell the difference between the "low fat" and the standard product.

The Moccasin Trail Program would like to congratulate the following for accomplishing over the 1000-mile goal.

Congrats to Sue Ross!

Apply now for Hayaka Unta!

Parents and youth interested in sharing quality time together while enjoying the natural beauty of the outdoors should apply now for the Hayaka Unta Camp hosted by the Chickasaw Nation Division of Youth and Family.

This two-day, two-night camp takes place November 30 through December 2, 2007 in the heart of the Arbuckle Mountains at Camp Classen in Davis, Okla.. The camp offers a variety of exciting and challenging activities including rock wall climbing, canoeing on the lake, hiking up beautiful Warren Mountain, trail riding on horseback, fishing, skeet shooting and archery. Camping is primitive style in a provided tent.

A total of 20 students will be selected to attend this camp. Hayaka Unta is open to Native American youth ages six to 14. Students may choose either a male or female parent or guardian to accompany them. For those applicants not selected to attend this camp, 20 more campers will be chosen to attend the Hayaka Unta Spring Camp at the same location in March, 2008.

The application deadline is November 2, 2007. All applicants must include a copy of the camper's CDIB card and Chickasaw citizenship card. More information about the camp and applications can be found online at www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps or by calling the Chickasaw Nation Youth and Family Division at (580) 272-5505.

Contributed by Kerri McDonald, tribal media relations.

Tribal dietician elected ADA delegate

Sarah Miracle

Sarah Miracle, Chickasaw Nation Get Fresh! program manager, was recently elected to serve as the Oklahoma delegate to the American Dietetic Association's (ADA) House of Delegates.

The ADA has more than 67,000 members and is the nation's largest organization of food and nutrition professionals.

Miracle is the only delegate from Oklahoma. She was elected in a statewide vote. As a delegate, she will serve for three years and will attend various meetings representing the state.

Her duties will include interacting with members to identify issues important to the membership, identifying professional issues affecting dietetics practice, participating in the discussions of the House of Delegates to provide direction on member and professional issues, communicating member and professional issues to the House of Delegates Leadership Team, contributing to trend identification and strategic planning, and informing members about the Association and House of Delegates initiatives and programs.

Her goal is "to present the unfiltered opinions of the registered dietitians in Oklahoma" while "working hard to be and effective delegate for Oklahoma."

Miracle is a member of the coalition for the state plan to develop "Get Fit, Eat Smart OK," Oklahoma's action plan to reduce obesity and obesity related diseases through increased physical activity and improved nutrition.

She is also a member of the Fit Kids Coalition, The American Dietetic Association, Oklahoma Consultant Dietitians Practice Group, Omnicron Nu Home Economics Honor Society and Oklahoma Coalition for Wellness Through Nutrition and has held various positions in the Oklahoma Dietetic Association and Southeast District Dietetic Association. She is involved in the Ada Lions Club, Pontotoc County 4-H Nutrition Club, Matthew 25 Food Bank, Supreme Court of Oklahoma and Oklahoma State University College of Human Environmental Sciences.

Miracle and her late mother, Joline Miracle, who was also a dietitian, have both had Oklahoma Dietetic Association scholarships established in their names.

Miracle and her husband, David N. Smith, have two children, Sam, 14, and Alexandra, 12.

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Get Fresh! cooking show a highlight

USDA official finds plenty to like at tribal Nutrition Services

Nancy Montanez Johner, U.S. Department of Agriculture Under Secretary, and Bill Lance, Chickasaw Nation Health System administrator proudly display fruit and vegetables they helped grill during the Under Secretary's visit to Ardmore Nutrition Services.

Nancy Montanez Johner, United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)Under Secretary for Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services visited the Chickasaw Nation Ardmore Nutrition Services site on August 29.

Under Secretary Johner toured the facility and met with Chickasaw Nation staff regarding several issues related to programs administered through partnerships with the Chickasaw Nation and USDA.Under Secretary Johner and her staff also enjoyed a demonstration of the new Women, Infants and Children (WIC) SPIRIT software system and an interactive Get Fresh! cooking show with Kathy Bean.

Under Secretary Johner was appointed by President George W. Bush and sworn in as Under Secretary for Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services in August 2006.

As Under Secretary, she is responsible for the administration of 15 nutrition assistance programs for the Food and Nutrition Service and the Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion.

The Chickasaw Nation Food Distribution Program, WIC Program, Get Fresh! and Farmers' Market Program are all Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services programs.

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From left, Joy Endres, Chickasaw Nation Nutrition Services Deputy Director; Melinda Newport, Chickasaw Nation Nutrition Services Director; Nancy Montanez Johner, USDA Under Secretary; Bill Lance, Chickasaw Nation Health System Administrator; and Lisa Bumpus, Chickasaw Nation Health System Deputy Administrator.

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CHICKASAW HEALTH INFORMATION CENTER

Opportunity to properly dispose of batteries, chemicals, paint and more

Annual hazardous waste collection event set for Oct. 20

The eighth annual Ada hazardous waste collection event is set for October 20 at ECU's Norris Field from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The event was announced at a Household Hazardous Waste workshop, hosted by the Chickasaw Nation Wednesday, Sept. 12. About two dozen people attended the informative workshop.

The upcoming collection day serves as an avenue for local residents to dispose of items and products which should not be put in Ada's waste stream, such as paint, household and pool chemicals, tires, and batteries, said city of Ada Engineer David Hendricks.

"To place these items in the garbage endangers the garbage collectors and could negatively affect the environment," explained Hendricks.

Only household waste will be collected at the event. Items from commercial businesses and farms and ranches will not be accepted.

Many items collected during the event are given to other non-profit organizations. For example, old paint has been given to youth groups and Habitat for Humanity in the past.

New this year, the Chickasaw Nation will also be collecting "White Goods" during the event, Mack Peterson, Chickasaw Nation Environmental Specialist, announced.

White Goods are defined as any household appliance, such as refrigerators, dishwashers, freezers, washers and dryers.

"It is our intention to collect these items and reduce both the waste stream and road-side dumping," Peterson said.

Organizers ask for residents to take "E-waste" to the City of Ada Recycling Center, located on 326 East 12th Street, before the Oct. 20 event. "E-waste" includes computers, printers, cell phones, fax machines, copiers, VCRs, scanners, toner and ink-jet cartridges, diskettes, cords, telecommunications equipment, battery backup devices, phone systems, modems, and miscellaneous electronics. Televisions will not be accepted.

Garmon Smith, chairman of the Ada Recycling Coalition, defined hazardous waste as any product consisting of material that makes it flammable, corrosive, toxic or reactive. "If you can't decide if its hazardous waste, it probably is," he said.

"Legally, you can drop it in the trash can," he said, adding that this event is a safer, more environmental alternative.

The collection event is organized by the City of Ada, and volunteers are needed to make this year's event a success.

Persons interested in volunteering, should arrive a Norris Field at 8 a.m. on Oct. 20 for a brief safety meeting.

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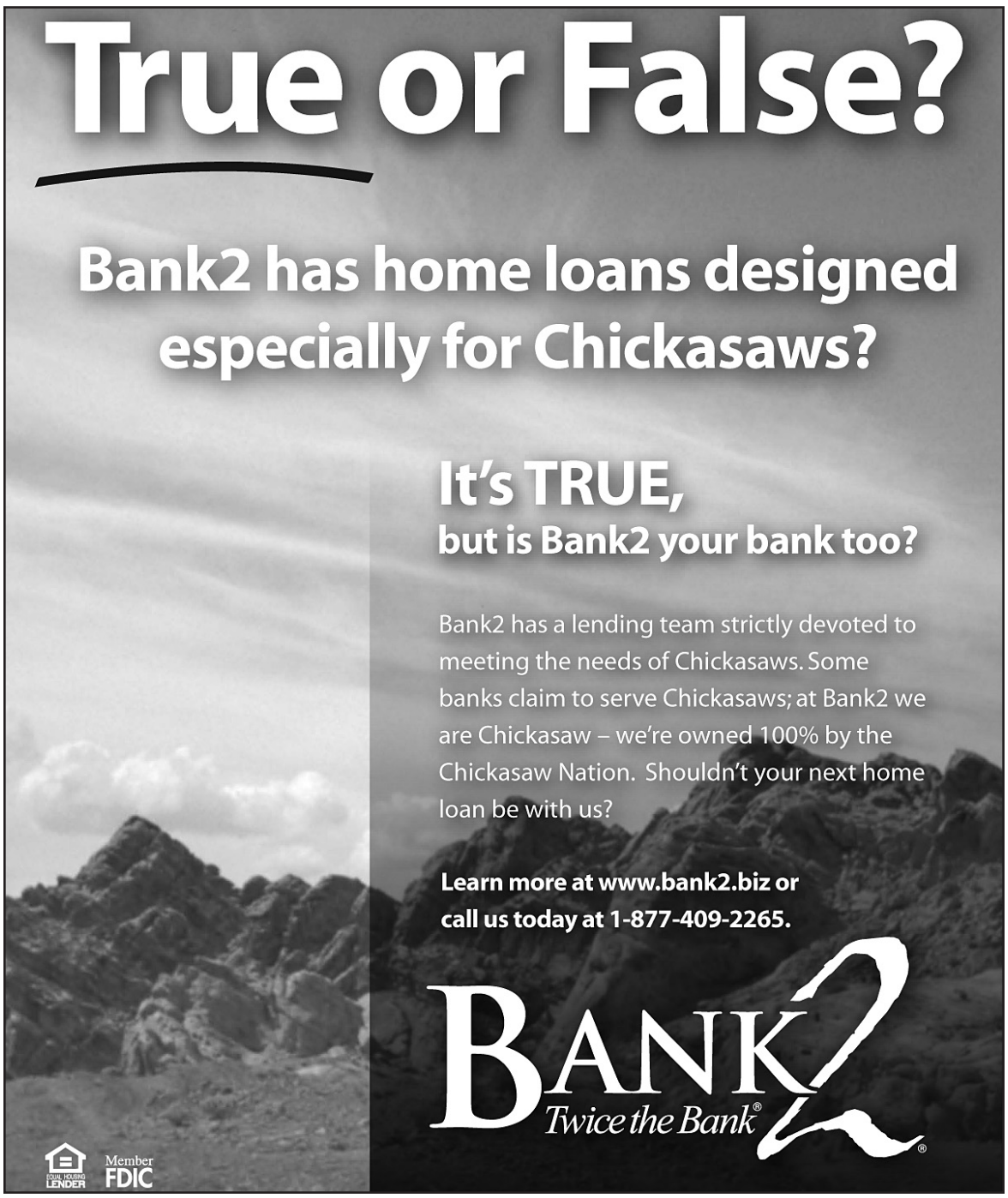

Treasure trove of tribal information in Congressional Serial Set reports

By RICHARD GREEN
Contributing Writer

When Glenda Galvan began working in the tribe's then tiny library in the late 1980s, she introduced herself to librarians as the person who would be collecting and storing articles, documents, records and photographs related to tribal history. Furthermore, she sent out letters inquiring as to the availability of documentation pertinent to the tribe's history and culture.

She hit paydirt with the staff of the Oklahoma Department of Libraries (located near the State Capitol). Glenda was told that there was a wealth of information via records and documents in the multi-volume U.S. Congressional Serial Set. At that time, it consisted of more than 50,000 titles published from about 1789 to the present.

Not only did the Department of Libraries have the set, but the staff would be willing to provide to the tribe at no cost copies of microfiche sheets of all tribally related matters found in the Serial Set (its short-hand title). Glenda immediately placed an order and thanked her contact on behalf of the tribe.

In due course, dozens of microfiche were received and stored in the Library. More than 10 years later, I obtained dozens more sheets representing new information and additional information that the libraries' staff must have overlooked. Today, some (but by no means all) of these records are accessible online. Interested persons should search the U.S. Congressional Serial Set website.

The hundreds of Chickasaw references range from publications that only mention the tribe to detailed investigations, reports, hearings and speeches involving Chickasaw Nation affairs. Among the tribal-related subjects arranged in chronological order are several references to the Atoka Agreement of 1897 (preparing for land allotments), freedmen, Removal, all of the Chickasaw-U.S. treaties, trust funds, railroads, lands and claims.

Serial Set reports include congressional committee and administrative reports of the House and Senate. Documents include directories, orations and journals. Reports from the Executive Branch include messages from the President, annual reports of the Interior Department and older issues of publications such as the Bureau of American Ethnology Bulletins.

The Serial Set was first published in 1817. Records and documents prior to that year were incorporated from the *American State Papers* from about 1789. The Serial Set may be found in most university or other research libraries.

Letter to Editor:

As a 5th generation "OKIE", I had a lot of apprehension about leaving Oklahoma for my husband's job-related move to Wichita, Kansas. At my age, leaving my kids and grandchildren, close family and friends, church and the Hospice nursing job that I loved was almost too much to bear… It could have been Alaska as far as I was concerned, with being so far away from the only "home" I had ever known!

After a few months of Kansas' cold wind and ice, I received an invitation card from the Chickasaw Nation regarding a meeting of the Chickasaw Council of Wichita that takes place monthly. I was so happy to know that I had "brothers and sisters" here in Wichita! I had visited the American Indian Center and seen the Chickasaw Nation flag hanging proudly among the other Indian nations, and had met other people from other tribes, but I had not made contact with any of my own. As I viewed the KEEPER OF THE PLAINS sculpture that rises above the intersection of the Little Arkansas and Big Arkansas rivers in downtown Wichita, I felt pride in the fact knowing that wherever I went, my ancestors went with me. They had left their home in Mississippi - not by their choice, but forced into the now historic "Trail of Tears"! I knew I had their blood in my veins, so I buckled up and trusted that the Great Spirit would use me in some way…

How wonderful my first attendance to the Chickasaw Council meeting was! I had called Lynn Stumblingbear, who oversees the meetings, the day before to confirm the time and place. She gave me directions to the Wichita Indian United Methodist church used for the meetings, and also gave me much needed encouragement. Upon arrival to the meeting, she greeted me warmly, introducing me to the Wichita "clan" of Chickasaws.

I found the meeting very informative with visitors from the Ada Chickasaw office, answering questions about various issues. The fellowship afterwards was so enlightening, I felt comfortable at once…

A few weeks after meeting my new "family", I attended the Powwow offered during Wichita's annual River Festival, where the newly remodeled KEEPER OF THE PLAINS was showcased and rededicated. It was so nice to have "family" there. I felt a spiritual renewal as I danced in many more wearing my mother's Indian Shawl that was recently redesigned by Lynn's sister, Emma Stumblingbear.

Subsequent meetings have continued to prove informative, and I look forward to the fellowship they offer. It's like a monthly "family reunion" to me, which is just what this "Okie" needs… I'll share more about the Wichita "family" in future letters…

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Growing up in the 'new' Chickasaw Nation - 1852

By RICHARD GREEN
Contributing Writer

Note: The following is an edited version of interviews conducted with Mrs. Elizabeth Kemp Mead in 1937 as part of the Works Progress Administration's Indian-Pioneer Collection. She was born in 1849 at Old Doaksville, Indian Territory.

My father, Joel Kemp, came from Mississippi with his parents Levi Kemp and Polly Frazier. He married Maria Colbert, whose father was Levi Colbert, a chief of the Chickasaws. They were married at Old Doaksville, near Idabel, and were the parents of ten children, six growing to maturity. We moved to Panola County about 1852, near the Red River [to a location] which was later known as Kemp Ferry Place. In 1857, [they] built a two-story log house with four rooms downstairs and two upstairs with a 40 foot long porch. The house still stands. The old family graveyard is 300 yards from the house. My mother and father, with two of my brothers and four sisters are buried there.

Father operated a ferry across the Red River before and after the Civil War. Later in 1888, my brother Joel C. Kemp was granted a charter b y the legislature of the Chickasaw Nation, giving him the right to operate a ferry on the Red River, which he did for many years. Father was also the treasurer of the Chickasaw Nation and [at another time] a member of the Chickasaw Legislature. (As a member he signed the Confederate Chickasaw-Choctaw treaty.) As treasurer, he would receive the Indian money from the United States and pay out according to orders from the legislature. The Council Ground was at Emet, then called Post Oak Grove. Later they moved to Good Spring, now known as Tishomingo.

My parents would send a peddling wagon each week loaded with country produce: dried beef, chickens, turkeys, eggs, butter and vegetables when in season. The wagon always came back empty. There was very little fruit here. A few people had a few peach and apple trees. The only way we knew to keep our fruit was to dry it either on platforms or on top of the house. Our butter we buried in stone jars, which kept it fresh all winter.

Wild game was plentiful: deer, turkey, buffalo and quails. One day while sitting at my window, I saw a big buck deer coming up the lane. He came on hear the house and the dogs chased him into the Red River and when he swam to the other side, my brother shot him. We could make traps in the shape of a pyramid out of small sticks, placing one on top of another, trying them together with willow and then placing a trigger with corn on it under the trap. That way we caught birds and small game.

The nearest trading post was in Bonham [TX]. My father would drive oxen there to have meal ground. My father's brother Jackson Kemp later had a grist mill operated by one horse, which he ran day and night. That was the first mill in the county. Sugar was brought in wagons to the trading post from Shreveport, Louisiana. My father would buy two pounds every fall, one white and one brown. It was 10 cents per pound before the Civil War and 25 cents afterward.

Once a year, usually in October, father would go to Giles Thompson Salt Works at Boggy Depot to get our winter's supply of salt. He had a large iron pot that held 50 gallons which he would load on the wagon and take to boil the water. My brother, a cook, and one or two Indians would go with him. Fifty gallons of water would boil out either and 10 pounds of salt. People came there from all over the county to get their salt; I don't remember what he paid for it but there was a charge. There was also a salt spring at Carriage Point, but wasn't very much salt in the water.

We made our own rope. We used a flat board and had a stick with a knot on it that held the whirl that twisted the rope. Many times I have straightened the horse hair out and helped my brother. We spun our thread for cotton rope; it would take a week to spin enough thread for 30 to 40 feet. And then another day to make the rope.

My mother wove and made all our clothes. I had the first homespun dress in the neighborhood. If you had a change of clothes and extra suit you were considered well-off.

Indian dyes. Yellow was made by boiling bois d'arc chips. Purple was made with sumac berries, white sumac berries preferred. Red was made with a weed they called "Queen's Delight" which grew on bottom land. Brown was made by boiling walnut bark.

Indian medicines. Wahoo, a bush that has red berries. The root is boiled, making a tea which is very bitter. This was used for all ills. Every winter there was an epidemic of smallpox and diphtheria among the fullbloods and the Negroes. Among the intermarried, less disease prevailed on account of better sanitary conditions. At the first breaking out of smallpox, the local people tried to treat the sick with roots and herbs. Later they were vaccinated against smallpox by doctors who were called to the locality. There were no doctors at that time in the vicinity. The nearest one was Mr. Mackey at Bonham. Our family was one of the first to be vaccinated. Many [people] died from the vaccination.

My parents tried to give us children an education. One of my sisters went to Bonham, one to Bloomfield, and Simon, my brother, was sent to Daingerfield, Texas. I spent four years in Bloomfield Seminary that were happy years. Bloomfield was run by Methodist missionaries and the Chickasaw government. The first principal of the school was John H. Carr, a white man who married Catherine Neil, a Choctaw. There were about 30 girls the first year I was there, but the attendance was more the next three years. You had to be between the ages of nine and 18 to attend the school and be able to read well in McGuffey's Fifth Reader, spell well and read in the New Testament, and be of good moral character. The Chickasaw government furnished everything. We made our own clothes by hand. There was one machine in the school, owned by one of the teachers. We would do her work to get her to hem our dresses on the machine.

While attending school there, when I was 11, Sarah Collins, one of the older girls, took me with her to gather the eggs and feed the chickens. On the way to the barn she asked me if I used tobacco. I said no. So she gave me a little piece and told me to chew it. When we reached the barn, she told me to get in the loft and get the eggs but I told her I was so sick. The next day she told me to try it again. I did and have been using it ever since. Nearly all the girls in the school used snuff or chewed tobacco. The younger girls would hide it in their playhouses and the older girls had a secret shelf on the campus in an old post oak tree.

The building burnt but was rebuilt, moving location three to four miles northwest. The building was heated by wood stoves and we used oil lamps for light. Our bedrooms had no fire, but we never suffered from the cold. We had plenty to eat—nice ham, sausage and bacon and milk once a day.

The girls were numbered and answered to call by number. We were never allowed to leave the school grounds without a teacher. Each morning and evening we had prayers, and every Thursday at 3 o'clock [was] a prayer meeting. The only kind of musical instrument we had at school was a melodeon. At home my brother played a fiddle and my sister had an accordion.

After the Civil War broke out, parents came for their children and we had no school except what they called the neighborhood school, which I attended for about three months. Then when the war was over, my mother took me to Bonham to school. And because I was going to have to work in a hotel for my board, I refused to stay. To this day I have never forgiven myself for not getting an education.

I was about 12 years old living with my parents about 12 miles north of Bonham when the Civil War broke out. My father was in Washington then and was made a captain to raise an army for the protection of the people who remained home. One day while he was stationed at Colbert Springs, a letter was sent

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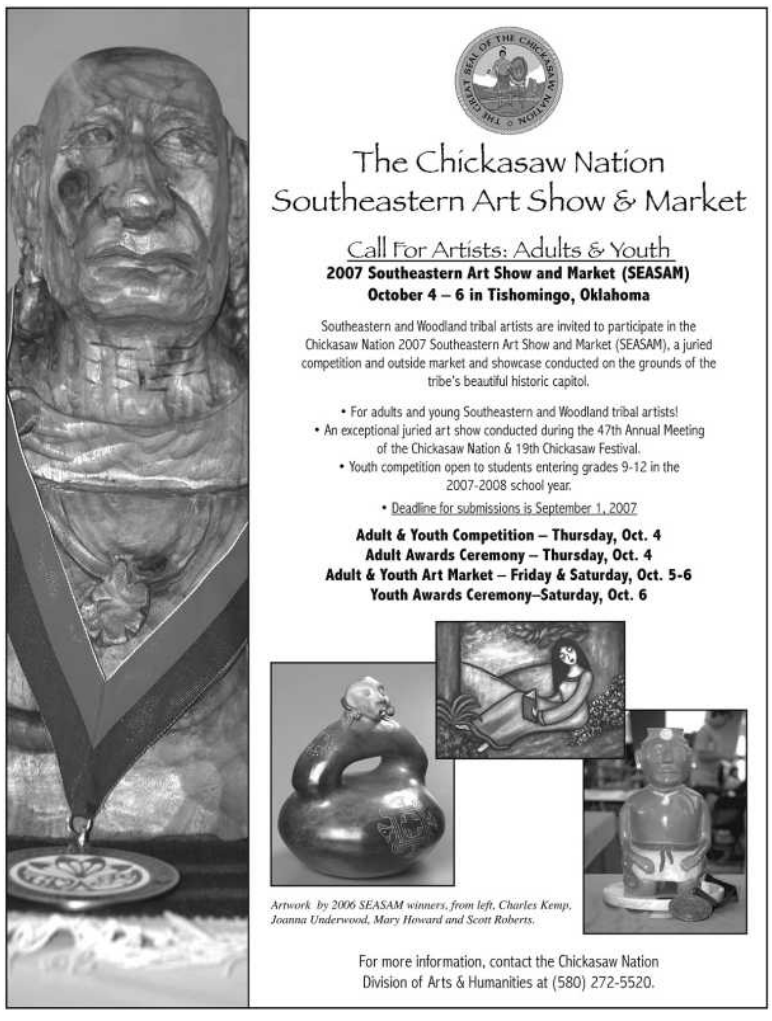

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A motion was made by Ms. McManus and seconded by Ms. Easterling to approve GR24-055.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

13 yes votes

The motion to approve GR24-055 carried unanimously.

Ms. McManus concluded her report.

(D) LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Judy Goforth Parker

General Resolution Number 24-049, Oil and Gas Lease in Haskell County Tribal Tract No. 753

This resolution authorizes and approves the proposed oil and gas lease in favor of Samson Resources Company. A bid of $301.00 per acre for a total bonus of $4,515.00 was accepted. The Chickasaw Nation shall receive $1,128.75, on property belonging to the Chickasaw and Choctaw Nations on 30.00 acres, more or less, for a primary term of three (3) years with a $3.00 per acre annual rental for a total of $45.00, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive $11.25 per annum, and a royalty rate of 18.75%.

A motion was made by Mr. Woerz and seconded by Ms. Green to approve GR24-049.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

13 yes votes

The motion to approve GR24-049 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 24-050, Utility Easement in Love County

This resolution approves the Utility Easement granted to Marietta Public Works Authority from the Chickasaw Nation and release of an incorrect easement granted to Marietta Public Works Authority by the former owner, Betty A. Freeman, in September 2002. The legal description on the Freeman Easement is incorrect and the pipeline lies in a different location than described.

A motion was made by Mr. Woerz and seconded by Ms. Briggs to approve GR24-050.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

13 yes votes

The motion to approve GR24-050 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 24-051, Pipeline Right-Of-Way Easement in Garvin County

This resolution accepts the release of right-of-way and approves the replacement pipeline right-of-way in Garvin County, Oklahoma for pipeline right-of-way granted to Cimmarron Gathering, LP.

A motion was made by Mr. Woerz and seconded by Ms. Briggs to approve GR24-051.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

13 yes votes

The motion to approve GR24-051 carried unanimously.

Dr. Goforth Parker concluded her report.

(D) EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Wanda Blackwood Scott

No report.

(E) HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Mary Jo Green

She stated the report will be in the *Chickasaw Times*.

(F) HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Linda Briggs

Ms. Briggs reported that the committee receives a report from the historical and cultural division on a regular basis. At the last meeting the law on repatriation was discussed. Ms. Briggs concluded her report.

AGENDA ITEM #7

NEW BUSINESS (Comments from Citizens)

Chairperson Scott Colbert welcomed the guests and recognized BIA Agency Superintendent, Traile Glory.

Mr. Humes made comments on the Legislative Sessions being changed to Saturday, the opportunity to attend the Hall of Fame Banquet, and the proposed addition to WinStar Casino.

Mr. Mike Watson made comments relating to a personal issue regarding restricted property. He felt that the Nation should protect the restricted property of its citizens.

AGENDA ITEM #8 ADJOURNMENT

The Legislative Session adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Briggs, Secretary

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Prepared by:

Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Directory available for tribal entrepreneurs

A directory of businesses owned by Chickasaws is being created to help promote economic opportunity for tribal entrepreneurs.

There is no cost to be listed in the directory, which will include the name of the business, contact and location information, as well as information on the goods or services provided by the business.

In addition to a printed directory, a web site will be created to enable electronic access to all information.

Chickasaws with a CDIB who would like to be listed in the directory should provide the information requested on the form below via email to vicky.gold@chickasaw.net or complete the form below and return to *The Chickasaw Times*, P.O. Box 1548, Ada, OK 74821.

CHICKASAW NATION BUSINESS DIRECTORY

Date of submission:_____ Regional Chickasaw Council:_____

Company Name:_____

Parent Company name (if applicable):_____

Mailing Address:_____

City, State, Zip:_____

Street Address:_____

Phone Number:_____ Fax Number:_____

Email address:_____

Owner's Name:_____ Owner's Title:_____

Other contact person:_____

Brief description of product/services (be specific):_____

Ownership Information:

List all shareholders, officers directors or outside firms that hold an interest in the company. List the percentage of the business they own and list if they possess a CDIB and Tribal affiliation.:

Name/Title	Percent Ownership	CDIB	Tribal Affiliation

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elected officials of the Chickasaw Nation every fourth year. September, 2007, represents the last month of the fourth year of the cycle established in 1983.

This resolution amends that part of Title 2, Chapter 4, Article B, Section 2-425 pertaining to the longevity pay of Supreme Court Justices. This resolution increases such longevity pay from 3.5% increase to the salary for each year of service which has been completed as a Justice of the Supreme Court under the Constitution of 1983, to 5% increase to the salary for each year of service which has been completed as a Justice of the Supreme Court under the Constitution of 1983. For examples, a Supreme Court Justice in his first year of office would be paid the monthly base salary ($3,000) plus 25% of that salary ($750) to be paid into to a retirement/investment plan; a Supreme Court Justice in his second year of office would be paid the monthly base salary plus 5% ($3,150) plus 25% of that salary ($787.50) to be paid into to a retirement/investment plan.

Presented By: Legislative Committee, Steve Woods, Committee Chair

Yes Votes: Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

No Votes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Wanda Blackwood Scott

Permanent Resolution Number 24-011

Amendments to Title 2, Chapter 4, Article B, Section 2-426 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Legislative Department Salaries)

Explanation: The Chickasaw Constitution, Article VII, Section 11, as amended by Amendment IV dated September 27, 1990, provides that the Tribal Legislature shall review salaries and allowances pertaining to the elected officials of the Chickasaw Nation every fourth year. September, 2007, represents the last month of the fourth year of the cycle established in 1983

This resolution amends that part of Title 2, Chapter 4, Article B, Section 2-426 pertaining to the longevity pay of Legislators. This resolution increases such longevity pay from 3.5% increase to the salary for each year of service which has been completed as a Legislator under the Constitution of 1983, to 5% increase to the salary for each year of service which has been completed as a Legislator under the Constitution of 1983. For examples, a Legislator in his first year of office would be paid the monthly base salary ($3,500) plus 25% of that salary ($875) to be paid into to a retirement/investment plan; a Legislator in his second year of office would be paid the monthly base salary plus 5% ($3,675) plus 25% of that salary ($918.75) to be paid into to a retirement/investment plan.

Presented By: Legislative Committee, Steve Woods, Committee Chair

Yes Votes: Scott Colbert

No Votes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods

Permanent Resolution Number 24-012

Amendments to Title 2, Chapter 4, Article B, Section 2-427 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Executive Department Salaries)

Explanation: The Chickasaw Constitution, Article VII, Section 11, as amended by Amendment IV dated September 27, 1990, provides that the Tribal Legislature shall review salaries and allowances pertaining to the elected officials of the Chickasaw Nation every fourth year. September, 2007, represents the last month of the fourth year of the cycle established in 1983

This resolution amends that part of Title 2, Chapter 4, Article B, Section 2-427 pertaining to the base salary and retirement benefits of the Governor and Lieutenant Governor. This resolution increases the base salary of the Governor from $100,000 to $300,000 per year and the base salary of Lieutenant Governor from $80,000 to $200,000 per year. This resolution increases retirement benefits for Governor and Lieutenant Governor from 25% to 30% of their total annual salary to be paid into a retirement/investment plan, as directed by the Governor and Lieutenant Governor. Longevity pay for Governor and Lieutenant Governor remains unchanged at $50,000 per year for each term of office completed under the Constitution of 1983

For example, a Governor in his first term of office would be paid the base salary ($300,000) plus 30% of that salary ($90,000) to be paid into to a retirement/investment plan per year; a Governor in his second term of office would be paid the base salary plus $50,000 ($350,000) plus 30% of that salary ($105,000) to be paid into to a retirement/investment plan per year. A Lieutenant Governor in his first term of office would be paid the base salary ($200,000) plus 30% of that salary ($60,000) to be paid into to a retirement/investment plan per year; a Lieutenant Governor in his second term of office would be paid the base salary plus $50,000 ($250,000) plus 30% of that salary ($75,000) to be paid into to a retirement/investment plan per year.

Presented By: Legislative Committee, Steve Woods, Committee Chair

Yes Votes: Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

No Votes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Donna Hartman

Conservation assistance available to landowners

The Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) has been the primary cost share program in the last two farm bills. The program has helped hundreds of Oklahoma landowners install conservation practices on their property that reduce soil erosion, improve livestock management and wildlife habitat.

EQIP will help with a portion of the cost of many practices such as brush management, pasture planting, cross fencing, ponds or livestock watering systems, firebreaks, prescribed burning, and many others.

Landowners are encouraged to sign up as soon as possible. The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) intends to have all 2008 contracts approved by December 31, 2007 to avoid any potential rule changes that could occur with the new farm bill that Congress is currently developing.

To sign up, participants need to be in the USDA system and have a current AD-1026 Highly Erodible Land Conservation (HELC) and Wetland Conservation (WC) Certification and CCC-525 Average Adjusted Gross Income Certification on file with the Farm Service Agency (FSA). Participants could then apply for EQIP at the local NRCS office.

The participant and NRCS staff agrees on a management plan and the plan will be ranked against other applications from within the county. Funds will be obligated to applications providing the highest environmental benefit.

If you are interested in EQIP and live with in the Chickasaw Nation you can find out more information by contacting Clay Horton, NRCS Tribal Resource Conservationist to the Chickasaw Nation at (580) 332-3070 ext. 3 or contacting your local NRCS field office located in your counties Farm Service Center.

Information about EQIP and the location of your local Farm Service Center can be found on the web at www.ok.nrcs.usda.gov.

Livestock, crop programs provide benefits

Eligible ranchers and other livestock producers can now apply to receive benefits under the Livestock Compensation Program (LCP) and Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP). Eligible farmers can sign-up for the Crop Disaster Program (CDP) beginning Oct. 15, 2007, if they suffered quantity losses to their crops.

The three ad hoc disaster programs provide benefits to farmers and ranchers who suffered losses caused by natural disasters in recent years.

Between 2005 and early 2007, agricultural producers across the country experienced financial difficulties as the result of devastating drought, floods, blizzards, tornadoes and other natural disasters.

LCP provides benefits to livestock producers for feed losses occurring between Jan.1, 2005, and Feb. 28, 2007, due to natural disasters. Producers in Pontotoc County, Oklahoma are eligible for benefits under the three disaster programs.

LIP compensates livestock producers for livestock losses between Jan. 1, 2005, and Feb. 28, 2007, that resulted from natural disasters, including losses due to blizzards that started in 2006 and continued into January 2007.

CDP provides benefits to farmers who suffered quantity and quality losses to 2005, 2006, or 2007 crops from natural disasters if the crop was planted before Feb. 28, 2007, or, in the case of prevented plantings, for crops that would have been planted before Feb. 28, 2007. Producers may apply for benefits for losses to multiple commodities as long as the losses occurred in the same crop year. Only producers who obtained crop insurance coverage or coverage under the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) for the year of loss will be eligible for CDP benefits. Producers must have suffered quantity losses in excess of 35 percent to be eligible for CDP.

For LIP, LCP and CDP, producers incurring a loss in more than one of the 2005, 2006 or 2007 qualifying years must choose only one year for which they want to apply for benefits.

In an effort to expedite the application process and provide efficient, quality customer service, please call 580-332-3070 to make an appointment.

LCP payments will be computed on pasture losses up to a maximum payment per head of adult cattle $10.66, non-adult over 500 lbs $8.00, sheep $2.67, and goats $2.67

Producers who received 2006 Livestock Assistance Grant Program payments from the state will receive a reduction in the amount of that payment from the 2006 LCP payment.

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cause "our elders are a national treasure and this project is one way we can celebrate and honor them.

"Mr. Larsen did a tremendous job of capturing the strength of character, intense spirituality, superb sense of humor and other honorable characteristics exhibited by these unique individuals," Gov. Anoatubby said. "Our goal for this project was to create lasting symbols of our gratitude for the many contributions our elders have made to the tribe."

Mr. Larsen said the project became "a labor of love" for him and his wife Martha as they have come to know each of the elders portrayed.

"We (became) involved with the elders on a level that I never thought we would be able to," Mr. Larsen said. "We got to know them, to listen to their stories, listen to their history and go into their homes. It's been the most incredible experience that Martha and I have had. (We) are painters of history. So painting this living history is the greatest thing we've ever done."

The Chickasaw elders' portraits represent just one of many projects Mr. Larsen has been commissioned to. Among his best known projects is a 26-foot mural of five Native American ballerinas, all born in Oklahoma. The mural is displayed in the State Capitol Rotunda. He also painted "Shamans of the Nations," which includes shamans from federally-recognized tribes in Oklahoma.

He has been honored to paint eight murals for the Oklahoma Art Institute and six murals for the University of Oklahoma Reynolds Performing Art Center and School of Dance.

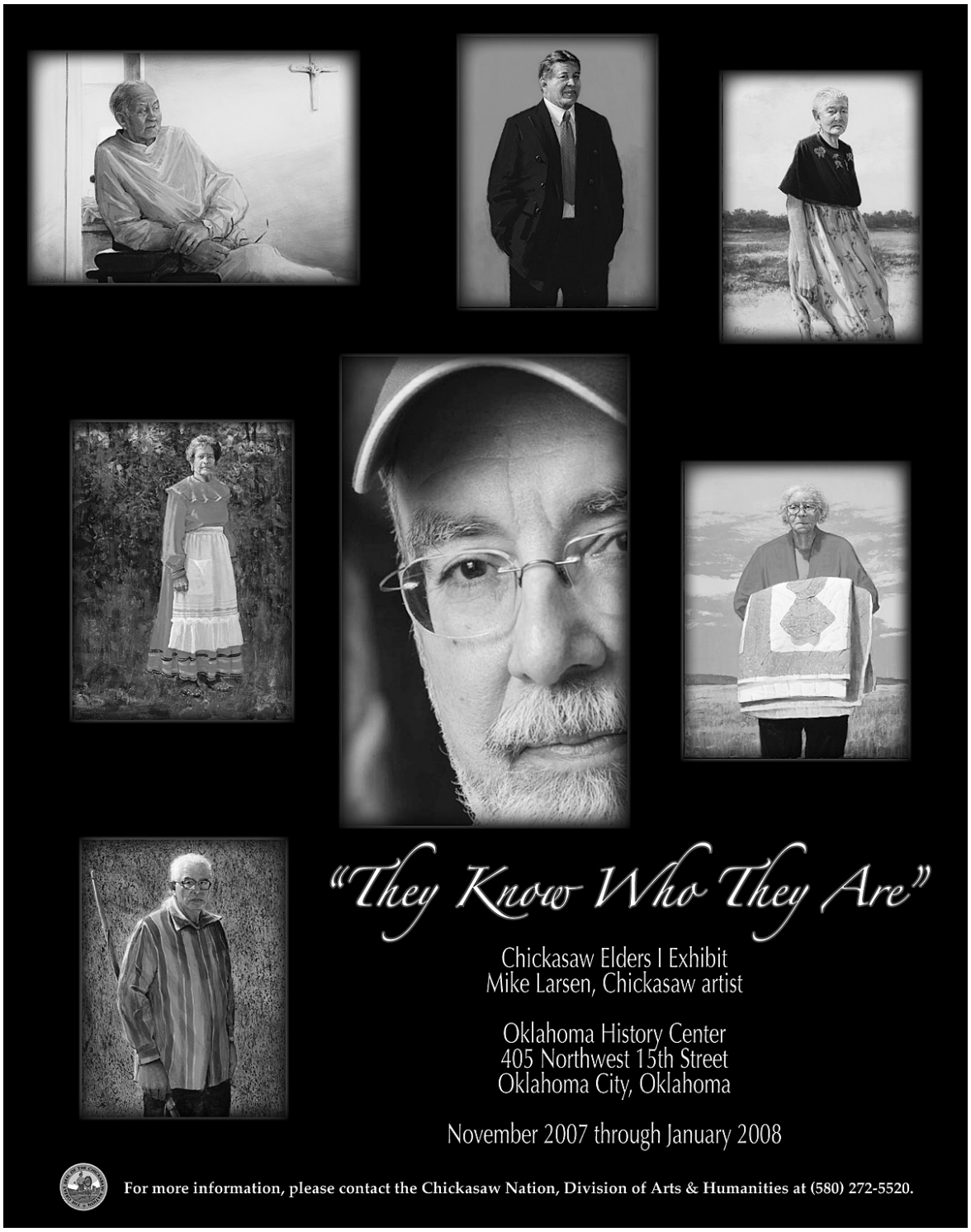
Recently Mr. Larsen was chosen by the U.S. Postal Service to create a postage stamp commemorating Oklahoma's centennial. He was also commissioned by the Oklahoma Centennial Commission to create two larger-than-life size bronze sculptures symbolizing the arts in Oklahoma and placed at the Oklahoma City Civic Center Music Hall.

In 2006, he was named the Red Earth Honored One and was named the 2006 "Oklahoman of the Year" by *Oklahoma Today* magazine.

Because of the overwhelming response from the Chickasaw people during the display of the eight original portraits, and due to the anticipation of the unveiling of the rest of the collection, the Chickasaw Nation has commissioned Mr. Larsen to create 24 more elder portraits to be added to the collection.

For more information about the exhibit, contact the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities at (580) 272-5520.

Contributed by Kerri McDonald, tribal media relations.



The "They Know Who They Are" collection includes:

ELDER	TITLE	ELDER	TITLE
Pearl Carter Scott	"Wiley, My Daddy & Me"	Haskell Alexander	"Man of Respect"
Sim Greenwood	"Bow Maker"	Dean McManus, Jeannie	"The Three Graces, Service to The People"
Pauline Walker	"Well, Thank You Anyway"	Lunsford and Pat Woods	
Charlie Carter	"Man of God"	Robert Greenwood	"Semper Fi, Always Faithful"
Minnie Shields	"Prairie Girl"	Underwood Brothers	"Reunion"
Ben & Juanita Nail	"It Was Love At First Sight"	Larry Hawkins	"The Believer"
Erie Cravatt	"The Tree Frogs Are Singing"	Suzanne Russell	"The Missionary"
Emily Dickerson	"Wild Onions"	Hattie Harjo	"In the Pages of Her Past"
Flora Perry	"Strong Woman"	Leerene Frazier	"Rodeo Days"
Geraldine Greenwood	"Keeper of Language"	Catherine Willmond	"Beloved Language"
Lillie Ward	"Nothing More, Nothing Less"	Governor Overton James	"The Beginning"
Sophie Perry	"Tradition"	Mary & Samuel Alexander	"A Time of Quiet"
Jack Ray	"The Homeplace"		

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Lt. Gov. Jefferson takes the oath of office as wife Carol looks on.

mately working together toward the shared mission of improving the lives of our people," said Gov. Anoatubby.

Election Commissioner Jerry D. Malaney presented certificates to each of the elected officials.

Lona Barrick, administrator of the Division of Arts and Humanities served as master of ceremonies.

Musicians Ben Barrick, Rudy Lupinski, Chaz Isom and Ryan Fowler performed a medley of songs which included "Lord Lift Us Up (Where We Belong)."

Mr. Barrick and Mr. Lupinski played the song 20 years previously during the first inauguration of Gov. Anoatubby in 1987.

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Chickasaw Nation Supreme Court Justice Mark Colbert, from left, Tishomingo District legislator Tim Colbert, Panola District legislator Beth Alexander, Pickens District legislator Linda Briggs, and Pontotoc District legislator Mary Jo Green receive election certificates following their swearing in.

Inter-tribal worship service every third Sunday in Houston

For people living in the Houston area, an inter-tribal worship service is conducted every third Sunday of the month.

This Native American worship in the United Methodist tradition is conducted at Shepherd Drive Fellowship, 600 Shepherd Drive in Houston. The worship service is followed by a pot luck supper.

Preaching this month on October 21 is Rev. Tim Byington (Lakota), of Atoka, Okla.

The third Sunday worship service is an outreach project of the Texas United Methodist Committee on Native American Ministries and Memorial Drive United Methodist Church.

Everyone is very welcome!

For more information, call the church office at (713) 861-3563 or Glenna Brayton at (713) 557-8756.

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arm, and pulled her up," Howard said. Brian asked, 'Have you got her,' and I said, 'I've got her this time.'"

Mrs. Krittenbrink was delivered safely to an EMS crew, and the men set out to rescue Mr. Krittenbrink, who was floating away from the site of the submerged vehicle, without his life jacket properly secured.

Again, Howard had to direct the helicopter and get to where the victim was. He also had to give Mr. Krittenbrink hand signals on how to secure the jacket around his neck. It took a while to motivate the exhausted 72-year-old to get on the skids, Howard said.

"The water had taken its toll," he said.

Once he was on the on the skids, Howard held on to the side of the helicopter with one hand, and held onto Mr. Krittenbrink with the other hand.

"It was everything I could do to hold on to this guy," Howard said.

Mr. Krittenbrink fell off the skid, too, but was finally delivered to EMS crews.

The helicopter crew was oblivious to the fact that the harrowing rescue was being played out live on national television, and was being watched by their supervisor, Captain Rick Dodson.

"Our Captain was watching us on television, saying 'What are these guys doing?'"

Chickasaw pilot Joe Howard, left, and Lt. Brian Sturgill.

Another supervisor, Lt. Bill Reitz, couldn't watch the monitor for fear the men would crash the aircraft.

When asked if he would repeat the daring rescue, Sturgill, 41, said "I'd do it again without a second thought."

He credits the success of the day to the team effort.

"One person can't do it all by himself, it's a crew effort in everything we do."

Including the Krittenbrinks, Sturgill and Howard saved a total of seven stranded people that day. They have since been interviewed by a barrage of local and national media, including CNN, Fox, and the Today Show.

On the day of the interview, the men had received new personal floatation devises to store in their aircraft, in case another swift water rescue ever occurs.

Howard, 35, said his job as an Oklahoma Highway Patrol pilot is his dream job.

His father, the late Dude Howard, was also a pilot with the patrol, and flew Oklahoma Governors George Nigh and David Hall, among other state dignitaries.

"As far as I'm concerned this is the greatest job in the world," Howard said. "I always wanted to be a highway patrolman. I'm following in dad's footsteps."

Howard has been with Troop O, the aircraft division of OHP, for about one year. He is a graduate of the 52nd academy of the patrol.

Joe is the namesake of his great - grandfather Joseph Newberry, who served as Speaker of the House for the Chickasaw Nation, he said. His Native American lineage comes from his mother, Mary Jane.

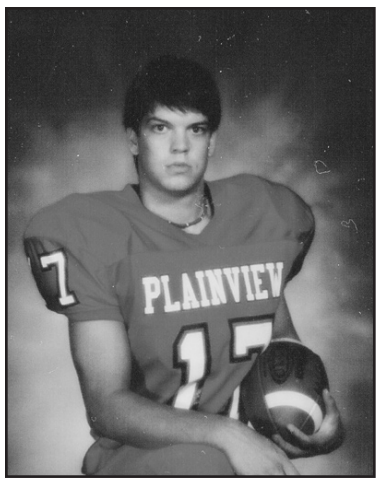
"I'm proud to be a Chickasaw Indian."

Howard grew up in Shawnee and graduated from Shawnee High School and Oklahoma Baptist University. He is a former Police Corps counselor at East Central University.

He and his wife, Kellie, reside in Shawnee and have two children, Jaden, 3, and Colton, 18 months.

Contributed by Dana Hudspeth, tribal media relations.

Billy Max Smith



Memorial services for Billy Max Smith, 20, were Aug. 14, 2007 at Crystalrock Cathedral. He died Aug. 10, 2007. He was born Sept. 28, 1986 to John Richard (Ritchie) Smith and Leanne Kerr at Ardmore, Okla.

Mr. Smith was a resident of Ardmore all his life. He graduated from Plainview High School in 2006 and was a talented athlete lettering in football and track. He excelled in track winning numerous medals and was a two-time state champion. He was named All-District in football.

He had a tremendous love for the outdoors and was an avid hunter and fisherman. He was a member of Ducks Unlimited. He was employed with the Chickasaw Nation Landscaping Department.

Mr. Smith is survived by a son, Drake Smith, Madill, Okla.; his father and stepmother, Richie and Jamee Smith, Ardmore; his mother and stepfather, LeAnne and John Martin, Ardmore; a brother, Alec Smith, Ardmore; stepsister, Vanidy Martin, Ardmore; grandparents, Jerome and Sue Smith, Ardmore, and David and June Kerr, Marietta, Okla.; great-grandmother, Winnie McNelly, Ardmore; an uncle, Doug (Big Time) Smith; and numerous aunts and uncles.

Mr. Smith, a Chickasaw citizen, was the great-great-grandson of the late Leola (McCurtain) Porter and original enrollee Moss Ned and James Cotton McCurtain, who was inducted into the Chickasaw Hall of Fame.

Honorary bearers were J.J. Hornback, Brian Idleman, Chuck Andrew Williams, Marcelino Salcado, Brice Bell, Robert Shaffer and Chase McCage.

Fred M. Harriss

Fred M. Harriss, 91, was called to his Heavenly home on July 16, 2007. He was born on July 2, 1916 in Ada, Okla. to Frederick and Mamie Harriss. During World War II, Mr. Harriss honorably served his country in the 45th Infantry.

On March 5, 1948 at the First Christian Church in Oklahoma City, he married the love of his life, Mary Elizabeth Hunsaker, and together they shared more than 59 years of marriage and raising a family.

Mr. Harriss worked as an insurance agent for Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Company. He was a member of Draper Park Christian Church and was a former Toastmaster. In his spare time, he enjoyed playing golf, working in his garden and spending quality time with his family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents. He leaves cherished memories with his wife, Elizabeth of the home; daughters, Betty Lee Harriss and Patricia Kaye Deaver, both of Oklahoma City; granddaughter, Kimberly Kristin Martin and husband Tim; and great-granddaughter, Emma Elizabeth Martin.

Shirley LaRue Loewe

Shirley LaRue Loewe, of Gladewater, Texas, died June 25, 2007 after a long battle with cancer.

She was born December 24, 1951 in Delano, Calif., to Roland E. Wagner and Patty Jo Finley. She was the great - granddaughter of Mary Cordelia Finley, an original enrollee.

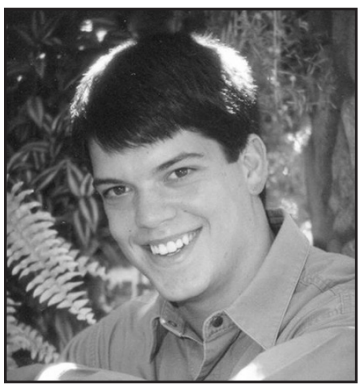
She was preceded in death by her father, mother, stepmother, Bernice Nadine Wagner; her son, Sammy Whaley; brother, Connie Sova; brother, Howard Tacdol.

She is survived by a daughter, Niko Ferguson, Denver; three sisters Tonna Day, Gladewater, Jeanie Nash, Napa, Calif., and Theresa, Bromme, Galt, Calif.; a brother, George Sova, Boise, Idaho; four grandsons and many nieces, nephews and close friends.

She was very free spirited and worked as a hairdresser after many years as a homemaker. She enjoyed reading, gardening and relaxing on the beach.

She was proud of her Chickasaw heritage and enjoyed collecting Native American crafts and jewelry. She will missed by all who loved and knew her.

Note of thanks



Angels come in many forms but on August 9 they came by boat, horse, motor vehicles and foot.

Words cannot express our gratitude to the community for your support and out pouring of kindness during the loss of our loved one.

Our family was blessed by the many volunteers, thoughts, prayers, and acts of kindness. You will always hold a special place in our hearts.

The family of Billy Smith

KADA Safe House October 30

ADA, Okla. – KADA AM/FM, the Chickasaw Nation's tribally owned radio stations, have set Tuesday, October 30 as the date for one of the area's largest events, The KADA/Cable One/Agriplex Safe House.

In conjunction with this event, the City of Ada has also set that date as the official "trick or treat" night of Ada.

This is the 18th year the radio station has organized this event, which annually draws over 4,000 people to the safe house from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

This year, the station is seeking a record number of booths to participate. General manger Roger Harris reports the station is shooting for a record 50 booths, which include local businesses, civic groups and other organizations.

Last year the event had 42 participating groups.

"We really would love to get some more participation from the Chickasaw Nation to help provide safe treats for the kids," Harris said. "There are a lot of departments that don't know how easy it is to help out!"

Harris noted that there is no cost to participate in the Safe House, other than the candy the booth holders provide.

To participate or to get more information, call KADA at 580-332-1212.

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to our home by Jim Reynolds from General Douglas Cooper, commander of the Choctaw-Chickasaw army. My mother said it was important that the letter reach my father who was 15 miles away.

I told her I would take it. So with my brother who was 9 years old we started horseback on our journey. Mother pinned the letter to my underwear and said not to let anyone see me, but give it to my father.

As we neared the camp, father recognized us and came to meet us. I told him about the letter and he took me into the tent and I gave it to him. After reading it, he told me I would have to go four miles farther and deliver a letter to Mr. Colbert. I did and then Mr. Colbert sent a letter back to my father. It was past midnight before we reached home. Everyone was asleep but mother. I gave her a note from father, and my brother and I, who were dead tired, went to bed. The next day mother told us the Federals were trying to take Fort Gibson and that after my father read the letter he went there.

During the war, the refugees from the Cherokee Nation came in bunches and settled near us. They were without food, and I have often seen them gathering the render leaves from mulberry trees and cooking them for greens. Father would kill beef and hogs and divide out among them. Also, he gave them corn to make bread, they would dig briar root which was sweet and mix with meat.

The Rebel soliders would pass our house, 15 and 20 together and stop for food. Mother would cook a whole hog in the washpot; they would eat everything and move on. I remember one day I was sick in bed and my mother was feeding a bunch of rebel soldiers. The table was in the bedroom. When each soldier left the table he came by the bed and gave me a present. I received my first China doll. They had obtained them [the gifts] in raids that they made in Arkansas and Missouri.

George James, national school superintendent, came to my home one day and said, "Fannie, I am hunting a school teacher. I know you are able to teach and you won't have to teach only to the fourth grade." There was an arithmetic lying on the table. He picked it up and said, "Solve this problem." I did. Then he took a speech out of his pocket from Gen. Cooper and he said, "See if you can read this." I did. He wanted to employ me, but I told him I would let him know, so I went home to talk it over with papa. He told me I was capable of managing it. So I taught there two years and I still have the old register I used to keep the names of the pupils and where they lived.

I had 30 pupils and most were fullblood, speaking only the Chickasaw language. But I could understand the language enough to teach them the meaning in English. The school was where Emet is now. It was a free school that opened the first Monday in October and closed the last Friday in June. I was paid once a year when the legislature met. I was required to make a report of attendance, deaths and quits. I would give my report to the janitor at the Council House. He gave it to the clerk who read it before the legislature and they gave me the check. Merchants from Tishomingo, Fort Washita and Boggy Depot would be on hand when the legislature met and the money was paid.